

# GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION



CHALLENGE DAY IN WYOMING began in Casper on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998 and was introduced to the state as a means to break down barriers caused by cliques in the schools and to promote good will among school and community citizens.

CHALLENGE DAY has been growing across the country over the last 16 years. Challenge Day activities have become nationally known for their positive impact on the behavior of the people involved.

DEAN MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH AND KELLY WALSH HIGH SCHOOL were the first Wyoming schools in to implement Challenge Day, and since that day, over 30 schools in 15 Wyoming communities are now participating.

CHALLENGE DAY is used to kick off school and community wide enthusiasm and passion for taking a position as positive leaders of change.

CHALLENGE DAY'S GOAL is to help stop the violence and alienation that is so deeply a part of the school experience for millions of young people every day. Through a series of games, activities, and group discussions, Challenge Day breaks down the barriers that separate us as human beings, resulting in young people opening their hearts, to learn to trust, love, and support each other in becoming the natural leaders that they are.

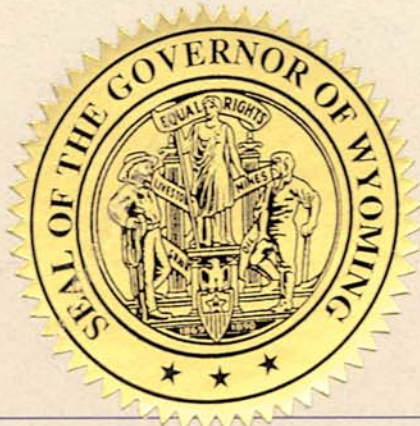
CHALLENGE DAY successfully addresses the issues of violence, racism, teasing, self-esteem, suicide, social oppression, leadership skills, harassment, conflict management, stereotypes, tobacco, alcohol, and drug use.

FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT REASONS, I, JIM GERINGER, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to be

"CHALLENGE DAY"

in Wyoming, as a beginning of an organized mentoring effort in helping youth, a continuance of good will toward others, and a continuance of support for positive personal growth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.



*Jim Geringer*  
Governor