



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS the next decennial Census will be taken in the year 2010, and political representation to the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures and local government is determined by the decennial Census, and the State of Idaho recognizes the equal importance of each resident in the 2010 Census count; and

WHEREAS census data ensure equal congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city offices, and voting districts; and,

WHEREAS an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

WHEREAS the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our state; and

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, PROCLAIM that the state of Idaho is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, Idaho will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in the state of Idaho place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our state, such as Complete Count Committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 19th day of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-third and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred nineteenth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE