



THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-12**

**ESTABLISHING THE IDAHO COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION  
REPEALING AND REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-35**

*WHEREAS, Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest suicide rates. In 2007 Idaho had the 11th highest suicide rate, 28% higher than the national average; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho's suicide rate is consistently higher than that of the United States as a whole; and*

*WHEREAS, Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for Idahoans age 15-34 and for males age 10-14; and*

*WHEREAS, In 2009, 307 people completed suicide in Idaho; a 22% increase over 2008, and a 40% increase over 2007; and*

*WHEREAS, suicide is particularly devastating in the rural and frontier areas of Idaho where one suicide significantly impacts entire small communities for years, even generations; and*

*WHEREAS, suicide attempts cost Idaho \$36 million annually; and*

*WHEREAS, suicide completion in Idaho cost \$861,431 annually in medical care.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this state do hereby establish the Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention.*

*I. The Council's responsibilities shall be:*

- A. To oversee the implementation of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan;*
- B. To ensure the continued relevance of the Plan by evaluating implementation progress reports and developing changes and new priorities to update the Plan;*
- C. To be a proponent for suicide prevention in Idaho;*
- D. To prepare an annual report on Plan implementation for the Governor and Legislature.*

*II. The Governor shall appoint all members of the Council. The Council shall include representatives from:*

- A. a representative from the Office of the Governor*
- B. representatives from the Idaho State Legislature*
- C. a representative from the Department of Health and Welfare*

- D. a representative from the Department of Education or School Districts
- E. a representative from juvenile justice
- F. a representative adult corrections
- G. a representative from SPAN Idaho
- H. a mental health professional
- I. a representative for The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill or other mental health advocacy group
- J. Suicide survivors
- K. a representative from the Idaho Tribes
- L. a youth representative
- M. a representative from the Commission on Aging or aging services
- N. a military member, veteran or a representative from Veterans Affairs.
- O. other members actively engaged in suicide prevention and awareness activities.

III. Council members shall:

- A. Serve for a term of three (3) years.
- B. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Council.
- C. The Council shall meet in person annually.
- D. The Council shall not exceed eighteen (18) members.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.*

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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