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### **FIVE WEEKS LEFT TO NOMINATE EXTRAORDINARY CITIZENS FOR IDAHO MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

(BOISE) – The March 31 deadline is fast approaching for submission of nominees to be among the first recipients of the Idaho Medal of Achievement.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter issued an [executive order](#) in November 2015 creating the highest civilian honor to be conferred by the State of Idaho. Sponsored by Hecla Mining Co., the award will recognize individual Idahoans for their "exceptional, meritorious, and inspirational" service to the people of Idaho.

The Idaho Medal of Achievement will be awarded annually to individuals – living or dead – who are nominated by the public and considered by a five-member Idaho Medal of Achievement Commission. That panel will advance the names of no more than five finalists for the Governor's consideration.

The public is encouraged to go to the Governor's [Web site](#) or contact the Governor's Office to receive a nomination form by mail on which to submit the names of deserving individuals. The deadline for nominations is March 31 of each year, and the Commission will submit finalists to the Governor by May 1.

Governor Otter named former Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa, Idaho Business for Education Chairman Skip Oppenheimer, Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) board member Kirk Sullivan, and former Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout as the inaugural commissioners. A fifth commissioner remains to be named.

Coeur d'Alene-based Hecla Mining Co. is providing the silver for the Idaho Medal of Achievement [medallions](#). Each is made of 99.9-percent fine silver and weighs 19.7 troy ounces. They feature a relief carving of the Idaho State Capitol on the front and the Idaho State Seal on the back.

The award will be presented in the Capitol at a time and date to be determined by the Idaho Medal of Achievement Commission.

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