



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

COWBOY POETRY WEEK

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West, and in Idaho especially, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving our Western heritage and the culture of Idaho through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a cherished Idaho tradition; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has produced several well-respected, contemporary cowboy poets, and recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves; and

WHEREAS, Idaho hosts major cowboy gatherings in Hagerman, St. Anthony, Montpelier, Fruitland and Rupert; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of cowboy poetry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April, 17-23 2011 to be

COWBOY POETRY WEEK

in Idaho.



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 17th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven 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.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE