



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

PATRIOT'S DAY

WHEREAS, April 19, 1775 marks the day when Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts were marched upon by British regulars in an effort to confiscate munitions stored for the local militia; and

WHEREAS, near the hour of 5 a.m., British troops numbering between 600 and 800 men encountered 75 patriots at Lexington Green, where Captain Parker ordered, "Stand your ground; don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have war, let it begin here;" and

WHEREAS, the result was the "Shot heard around the world," and by the day's end the British troops had retreated; and

WHEREAS, the events of April 19, 1775 ignited a passion in the colonial patriots that promoted the American Revolutionary War, the founding of a great nation, and the freedoms our country enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, Patriot's Day is an opportunity to focus on the historic nature of the American Revolution and the sacrifices men and women endured over the course of an eight-year struggle leading to our independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2011 to be

PATRIOT'S DAY

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 19th 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

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE