



*Executive Department  
State of Idaho*

*The Office of the Governor  
Proclamation*

*State Capitol  
Boise*

## ***NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK***

*WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Idaho's natural heritage, providing valuable aesthetic, economic and ecological contributions that make our state a special place to live; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys amazing biodiversity, with more than 3,000 native plant species from evergreen forests in the north to desert species in the south; and*

*WHEREAS, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting wildlife, birds, fish and water quality in our state; and*

*WHEREAS, invasive species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 24 through 30, 2011 to be*

## ***NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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**