



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## ***National Federation of the Blind Week***

*WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho (NFBI) is the oldest and largest organization of the blind in Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the NFBI has been at the cutting edge of innovations and progress for the blind for the last 76 years by working for the creation of the Idaho Commission for the Blind, supporting competitive employment for the blind, working with parents of the blind and other service providers for better education of the blind – including a seminar planned for September 2011 – and helping to provide blind college students with better college programs through advocacy and scholarships; and*

*WHEREAS, as a part of the National Federation of the Blind, the NFBI has participated in such programs as: the Blind Driver Challenge to make it possible in the foreseeable future for the blind to drive; Youth Slam, which is increasing opportunities for the blind in science, technology, engineering, and math; improving instruction and production of Braille; improving accessibility of the internet; and much more; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho will hold its 76<sup>th</sup> state convention in Boise at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel April 8-10, 2011 and is inviting blind people, friends, families and service providers to participate in this event;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 4-10, 2011 to be*

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*in Idaho and encourage all citizens to learn more about the accomplishments of the blind by visiting a local library or the following web sites: [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org), [www.nfbidaho.org](http://www.nfbidaho.org).*



*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 4<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

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SECRETARY OF STATE