



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

**Idaho Flood Safety Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, Idaho is vulnerable to flooding every year, and Idaho’s historical record illustrates a high number of flooding events including 17 presidentially declared flooding disasters; and

WHEREAS, flooding conditions can cause significant damage to commerce, public and private property, disruption of public services, and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life and damage to property and commerce can be greatly reduced if appropriate flood preparedness, control and mitigation measures are taken before a flood, including the purchase of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program, development of flood preparedness plans, and adherence to prudent land use planning; and

WHEREAS, floodplain managers, first responders and emergency managers throughout Idaho continually prepare to protect public safety before and during a flooding disaster and to support recovery efforts after the flooding conditions have passed; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Silver Jackets were formed in 2009 to provide a comprehensive and interagency approach to flood management activities including flood and inundation mapping, flood awareness and outreach activities, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, in order to lessen the effects of flooding in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, flood hazard risk, vulnerability and preparedness information can be obtained from [www.floodsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov) and [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), and this information should be used by Idahoans to prepare their homes, businesses and communities throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life and property damage during flood events, landslides and ice jams;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 14 to 18, 2011, to be;

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and encourage all Idahoans to take responsibility in preparing their homes, communities and businesses for flooding events, and to recognize the dedicated public servants and the important role they play in public safety, every day, and during times of disaster.



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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 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