



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

*WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving; multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour in the United States someone is diagnosed with MS; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that in Idaho more than 1,900 people are living with this disease, and MS generally strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 50, attacking them in the prime of their lives, and affects more than 400,000 people nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis, and the progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed throughout the years to mobilizing the voices of people statewide who want to do something about MS now, and it is planning several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise MS awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, Walk MS and Bike MS events are scheduled this year throughout the state of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society devotes programs and services to enhance the lives of those with MS and invests in research toward a cause and a cure;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 14-20, 2011 to be*

## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS 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 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