



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## ***World Prematurity Day in Idaho***

*WHEREAS, more than half a million babies are born prematurely every year, including more than 2,444 in Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 120,000 babies are born with a serious birth defect every year, including more than one in four in Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, premature birth takes an enormous toll on families and costs businesses and society billions of dollars every year; and*

*WHEREAS, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and*

*WHEREAS, March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates work together to combat threats to babies' health, including premature birth, birth defects and low birth weight; and*

*WHEREAS, on November 17, 2011, the citizens of Idaho are working together for stronger, healthier babies;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of Idaho, declare November 17, 2011 to be*

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*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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.*

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of Ben Ysursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE