Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, electrical power was greatly needed in the Northwest during a regional power shortage in the early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Water Power Company, now known as Avista Corporation, in 1952 built the 230 Mw Cabinet Gorge Dam in less than two years in an area many thought impossible on the Clark Fork River near the town of Clark Fork, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Avista Corporation, as a good steward of the environment, relicensed Cabinet Gorge Dam in 2001 through a collaborative process involving 39 different entities that mutually decide how fish, wildlife and the environment associated with dam operations will be protected; and

WHEREAS, Avista Corporation upgraded Cabinet Gorge Dam to a capacity of 255 Mw to provide clean, renewable electricity sufficient to power 190,000 homes without creating hydrocarbon emissions while simultaneously storing energy to balance intermittent sources such as wind and solar; and

WHEREAS, Cabinet Gorge Dam contributes to the local and regional economy through jobs and taxes, and helps Avista Corporation control energy rates through its stable and cost-effective operations; and

WHEREAS, Avista Corporation has managed Cabinet Gorge Dam as an integral part of its rich heritage of service to its surrounding communities to achieve its commitment of being a good corporate neighbor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim 2012 to be the

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF CABINET GORGE DAM

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 12th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE