



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is a serious genetic disorder associated with liver disease in infants, children and adults, and lung disease in young adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disease for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and

WHEREAS, one in 37 people carry the gene for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

WHEREAS, 80,000 to 100,000 U.S. citizens are estimated to have severe Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency, and 20 million more are thought to be affected with a milder deficiency; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency was only identified in 1963 and is misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed disorder;

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

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and to continue and expand education and promote access to quality care and services for all people affected by Alpha-1.



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 1st 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE