



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy communities in our state and enhance the quality of life for Idahoans and for others throughout the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of nonprofit organizations based in Idaho contribute significantly to our economy by providing services to our communities, employing almost 50,000 Idahoans, and expending more than \$3.7 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's nonprofit leaders often are entrepreneurs, creating new solutions to problems, and filling previously unmet needs in the areas of health, recreation, education, research, arts, social services and more; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit sector works as a responsible partner with private enterprise and government to alleviate the most pressing social issues of our time; and

WHEREAS, 400,000 Idahoans contribute 60 million volunteer hours annually, one of the highest volunteer rates in the nation, thus providing opportunities for leadership, civic engagement and building communities; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit sector acts as responsible steward of charitable dollars to achieve a diverse range of missions and goals; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations often fulfill their missions by advocating on behalf of those who cannot advocate for themselves; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit sector throughout Idaho has a proud history of service, innovation and social change; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the nonprofit sector deserve acknowledgement, affirmation and celebration;

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

**IDAHO NONPROFIT AWARENESS MONTH**

and encourage all Idahoans to continue to recognize and support the nonprofit organizations in their communities.



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE