WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer takes the lives of more Americans each year than breast, prostate and colon cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, former smokers and people who have never smoked comprise nearly 80 percent of new cases of lung cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 percent of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at late stage; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist, yet have not been embraced as the standard of care; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research falls far short of that for other less-fatal diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Lung Cancer Alliance is the only national non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to patient support and advocacy for people living with lung cancer and those at risk for the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2012 to be

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho, and urge all citizens of our State to do all we can to make Lung Cancer a national public health priority and offer compassion to people with lung cancer.

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.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE