



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes the diligence and hard work that adoption professionals display every day in identifying forever families for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes the partnerships of many agencies and groups making adoption for children in foster care possible; and

WHEREAS, Idaho and the Department of Health and Welfare are celebrating the finalized adoptions of more than 257 foster children during fiscal year 2011; and

WHEREAS, approximately 262 children are legally available for adoption in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about the needs of children in Idaho's foster care system and for more permanent families for these children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2012 to be

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

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 17th 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 blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE