



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States have shown the highest form of citizenship and made major contributions through the service they have performed in the defense of our great nation and toward the preservation of the freedoms we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, the service performed by millions of gallant Americans, including thousands of Idahoans, demonstrates our citizens' willingness to meet the challenges of outside forces who wish to subjugate our nation through armed conflict, including acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of November 1918, an armistice was signed ending World War I; and since that day plays a significant part in our nation's heritage, November 11 of each year has been designated by Congress and the Idaho Legislature to be Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day to recognize and honor the veterans of World War I and those millions who served our nation since that time whose military service has had a profound impact on history, and it is a day to rededicate ourselves to Abraham Lincoln's call "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan"; and

WHEREAS, Americans, Idahoans and all citizens of the free world celebrate the contributions of our veterans by honoring all who served and those who continue to serve, as well as those still listed as missing in action or prisoners of war; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2012 to be

VETERANS DAY

in Idaho, and I call upon all our citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of our men and women who have served this country so willingly to preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to fly the flag; and to visit all our veterans, especially those who are hospitalized, and let them know we appreciate their great sacrifice



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 11th 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 black ink signature of Ben Yursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE