



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Idaho Human Rights Day**

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired millions of Americans to participate in non-violent demonstrations to support the ideals of equality for all, and was a motivating force behind a civil rights movement that had as its goal the creation of a society inclusive of all races, cultures and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Dr. King's birthday is intended as a time for all Americans to reaffirm their commitment to the basic principles that underlie our Constitution – equal treatment and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys a richness of diversity in its population, embracing many ethnic and racial groups as a part of both the state's history and its future; and

WHEREAS, both state and national observances of this day will focus on the importance of individual volunteerism and a commitment to community service as a way of breaking down social and economic barriers and bringing people together to focus on their common concerns and interests; and

WHEREAS, the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Idaho's commitment to human rights, are worthy of reflection and serve as a reminder that improving the quality of life for all members of society is everyone's responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2012, to be

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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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-six and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-second.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE