



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

Children's Dental Health Month

WHEREAS, guarding the health of our children is critical to the future well-being of this state and development of our nation; and

WHEREAS, an important component of a child's overall health is oral health, and learning and maintaining a routine of good oral hygiene is a primary step in the development of a healthy body; and

WHEREAS, an estimated two out of three Idaho third graders have experienced tooth decay, despite the fact that tooth decay is largely preventable; and

WHEREAS, one out of three eligible children are not enrolled in IDAHO SMILES, Idaho's preventative dental services for children in need; and

WHEREAS, educational programs in support of good dental habits for children and support of fluoridation of public water supplies are instrumental in preventing dental disease; and

WHEREAS, adults are urged to ensure that children brush their teeth carefully at least twice a day, floss their teeth once a day, visit a dental office for preventative checkups and cleanings, and eat a well-balanced diet, avoiding excessive snacks between meals; and

WHEREAS, Idaho State Dental Association members are engaged in an effort to provide 10,000 Idahoans charity care through their 10,000 Smiles! program;

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

Children's Dental Health Month

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 7th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-second.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE