



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the children throughout the state of Idaho is of paramount importance to their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States approximately 40,000 children are born with one or more of 35 identified forms of congenital heart defects (CHD); and

WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are among Idaho's most common birth defects; and because of a failure of timely diagnosis, limited availability of infant donor hearts, and insufficient medical intervention options, many children and adults die as a result of congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, medical research is providing more identifiable origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects, improving outcomes for patients; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that parents, doctors, nurses, and those in other health professions have a greater awareness of the potential for CHD and their symptoms in newborns and children so they may provide proper treatment as early as possible; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with their communities so that we may all be more aware of how CHD affect the lives of those around us;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2012 to be

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

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