



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of top soil, clean air, store carbon, produce oxygen, cut heating and cooling costs, provide wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, working forests are renewable and sustainable sources of wood and paper products that are energy efficient and recyclable; and

WHEREAS, millions of seedlings are hand-planted in Idaho's forests annually in addition to the millions nature and plants; and

WHEREAS, working forests contribute to the economic, social, and environmental well being of Idaho's people and communities; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim April 27th to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this day in observance of the important role trees play in our daily lives and the renewability of this precious resource.



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 27th day of April 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE