



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

**2012 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, April provides the opportunity to focus our leadership and dedication to the goal of eliminating abuse and sexual violence towards children; and,

WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing and safe environment, free from fear, abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, parents, guardians, relatives, and neighbors as well as community agencies, faith-based organizations, medical facilities and businesses all share a common goal of helping to build a protective environment within our families and communities to prevent child abuse and neglect; and,

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, government entities, nonprofit organizations, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement and business communities; and,

WHEREAS, sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Idaho through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

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in Idaho and I call upon all citizens of Idaho to be part of the solution to end child abuse and sexual violence.



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 5th 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.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE