



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 COWBOY POETRY WEEK

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West, and in Idaho especially, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving our western heritage and the culture of Idaho through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a cherished Idaho tradition; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has produced several, well-respected, contemporary cowboy poets, and recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves; and

WHEREAS, Idaho hosts major cowboy gatherings in Hagerman, St. Anthony, Montpelier, Fruitland, Rupert; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of cowboy poetry;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim the week of April 15-21, 2012, to be

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in Idaho, and urge all Idaho citizens to recognize and celebrate this occasion.



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 9th day of March 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 blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of Ben Ysursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE