



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## 2012 FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

WHEREAS, financial literacy is essential to the financial stability of all Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, in today's economic downturn many Idahoans have had adverse affects to their financial well being and it is especially challenging for Idahoans to manage their financial future; and

WHEREAS, it is critical, now more than ever, that Idaho's citizens make well-informed, educated decisions throughout their lives about how to save and invest their personal income, and how to obtain and use consumer credit; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Finance, the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition, and Get \$mart Idaho – the northern Idaho affiliate of the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition – seek to heighten Idaho consumer awareness of the basics of investing and the importance of investigating individual securities, those who advise about investing in securities, and the companies and brokers who sell them, before investing; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Finance, the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition, and Get \$mart Idaho seek to educate Idahoans about the wise use of consumer credit, how to compare offers of credit, and first-time home buying; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Finance, the Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition, and Get \$mart Idaho will be educating Idahoans to become better informed investors and borrowers, and encouraging them to save and invest for retirement and other financial goals; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility to learn the basic facts of investing and consumer credit, take charge of their money, realize the importance of saving for their family's future, and understand that it is never too late or too early to save and invest; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, state and federal agencies, consumer groups, the media, and the financial industry will join together to conduct educational events through the media and in communities and schools to illustrate the importance of personal financial ownership;

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

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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