



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## **2012 NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**

*WHEREAS, the safety and well being of children is a priority of this state; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every 2½ minutes; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE – providing: proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls to the surface, and equipment maintenance; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a week each year for the direction and thought on how to keep our children safer on playgrounds; and*

*WHEREAS, spring often is a time during which children head to the playground and a large percentage of playground injuries occur from April through June; and*

*WHEREAS, all of us who care about children make the commitment that no Idaho child shall play on an unsafe playground; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has designated National Playground Safety Week on April 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., “Butch” Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> to be*

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*in Idaho, and urge all citizens to join in this observance by striving to use good judgment when playing and showing our gratitude for all the grown-ups who supervise our children while playing as well as those that work tirelessly to keep Idaho’s playgrounds maintained.*



*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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE