



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 PATRIOT'S DAY

WHEREAS, on April 19th, 1775 marks the day when Lexington and Concord Massachusetts were marched upon by British regulars in an effort to confiscate munitions stored for the local militia ; and

WHEREAS, near the hour of 5 a.m., between 600 and 800 British troops encountered 75 patriots at Lexington Green, where Captain Parker ordered, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here"; and

WHEREAS, the result was the "shot heard around the world"; and by the day's end the British troops had retreated; and

WHEREAS, the events of April 19th, 1775 ignited a passion in the colonial patriots that promoted the American Revolutionary War, the founding of a great nation, and the freedoms our country enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, Patriot's Day is an opportunity to focus on the historic nature of the American Revolution and the sacrifices men and women endured over the course of an eight-year struggle leading to our independence;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim April 19th to be

2012 PATRIOT'S DAY

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 19th 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