



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 AmeriCorps Week – Focused on Idaho @ Play

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members throughout Idaho are leading service projects focused on the importance of play during AmeriCorps Week; and

WHEREAS, unstructured, unplanned, spontaneous and self-motivated play is on the decline; and

WHEREAS, fewer children spend time outside at parks and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, children who play are healthier and suffer less obesity and obesity-related health problems such as diabetes and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, children who play do better in school and develop cognitive skills that are linked to learning and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, children who play learn the social skills that help them become happy and well-adjusted adults; and

WHEREAS, parents, schools, child care centers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, churches, synagogues, mosques and all interested parties wish to raise Idaho's children to become healthy, happy and successful adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 5 - 12, 2012 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 27th 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.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE