



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

**2012 NAMPA & MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
CANAL SAFETY RECOGNITION WEEK**

WHEREAS, Idaho's children and young people constitute Idaho's greatest and best hope for the future wellbeing and leadership that will ensure the long term continued success of our state, and therefore occupy a special place in the hearts of all Idaho citizens; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's irrigation community works diligently to protect and safeguard children and young people from the dangers posed by the thousands of miles of canals and other waterways that carry the precious waters that fuel the state's agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, in the Treasure Valley of Southwest Idaho the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District has made a singularly extraordinary commitment over the past 12 years to conduct a compelling annual canal safety education and public awareness program, in both English and Spanish, in media outreach funding including both radio and television; and

WHEREAS, the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District canal safety program has benefited and served the interests of all citizens of Southwestern Idaho, including more than 30 other irrigation districts, by promoting a canal safety program that extends far outside the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District boundaries to wherever canals are found; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental aim of this outstanding individual organizational effort has been and continues to be the prevention of drowning deaths of children and young people and therefore reflects the highest values of Idaho and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 27th through June 2nd, 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 May 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