



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

**2012 CELEBRATION OF GIRLS AND WOMEN IN
SPORTS WEEK**

WHEREAS, the history of girls and women in sports is rich and long and has provided millions with an opportunity for growth, development and the pursuit of challenging goals; and

WHEREAS, whether on high school playing fields or in Olympic arenas, female athletes display great ability, spirit, courage and skill – qualities that all athletes cherish; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural 2012 Exergy Tour welcomes female athletes from around the world and showcases the power and excitement of women’s professional cycling and its growing global influence; and

WHEREAS, the Exergy Tour showcases the beauty of the state of Idaho, from its cities to its sprawling farmlands, high desert plains and spectacular mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Exergy Tour is dedicated to engaging our communities in teaching young girls the benefits that participation in individual and team sports can bring throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, participation in sports enhances the emotional, physical and intellectual well-being of women of all ages, and helps young girls develop initiative, respect for fair play, leadership, communication and cooperation skills that will help them achieve success; and

WHEREAS, the many achievements of American women in sports at home and abroad are sources of pride and inspiration for us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of May 23-28, 2012 to be the

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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 23rd 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