



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle which conserves fuel, reduces urban traffic and parking congestion, and treads lightly on the overworked road system; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important and economical mode of transportation for such activities as commuting, touring and recreation, and can be an aid to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle promotes tourism and friendship by attracting riders from throughout the United States and many foreign countries through various clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles lack the protective armor of trucks and automobiles, increasing the risk of serious accidental injury and death for motorcyclists, all motorists need to operate with caution near motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased number of motorcycles on the roads and highways of our state and throughout the nation, and because motorcycle awareness and safety is a concern to all, it is appropriate to set aside a time to alert motorists to the number of motorcyclists on the roads and to help motorcyclists become aware of the ways they can promote safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2012 to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all our citizens to be aware of and support the various Motorcycle Awareness Rallies on May 5th, 2012 sponsored by the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety and A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho. I also encourage all government agencies, civic and service organizations, drivers and riders to join in a concerted effort to make motorcycling a safe activity in our state through support of the Idaho STAR program, which is aimed at educating and training both young and adult motorcycle operators and other vehicle operators, so that mutual respect and increased awareness will exist on our Idaho streets and highways.



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 1st 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