



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, that more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association and the Idaho Nurses Association are observing National Nurses Week with the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide sage and high quality patient care and offer improvements to our health care system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, C. L., "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12th to be

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in Idaho, and join the citizens of our state in celebrating the accomplishments and efforts of Idaho registered nurses to provide quality patient care and offer improvements to our health care system.



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 6th 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