



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2,700 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke; pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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 urge all Idaho citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs services and advocacy the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides as they strive to enhance public awareness of pediatric stroke.



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 9th day of March 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