



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## 2012 IDAHO WATER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of humankind, as our health, comfort and standard of living depend upon an abundant supply of safe water; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes that an adequate and dependable supply of water is crucial to the economic well being of its agricultural, commercial, recreational and industrial economies; and

WHEREAS, Idaho residents and businesses rely on electrical energy generated by hydroelectric facilities situated on Idaho rivers and canals; and

WHEREAS, Idaho residents and visitors note the environmental beauty and productivity of Idaho's lakes, rivers and ground water as a reason for visiting or living here; and

WHEREAS, some 10,000 Idaho 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students across the state are concentrating their studies this week on the role of water in their life and in the livelihood of their state; and

WHEREAS, water education activities are being held throughout Idaho, including water festivals, teacher training, field trips and classroom presentations for the benefit of our youth; and

WHEREAS, water truly is Idaho's most precious natural resource – the lifeblood of our state – it is appropriate to set aside a special time to call upon all Idahoans, young and old, to learn about the importance of water in their lives and to learn how they can protect and conserve our precious water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> to be

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in Idaho, and encourage all Idahoans and visitors to make every effort to conserve our water resources and endeavor to keep our waters clean and safe; I also urge our citizens to recognize the value, importance and fragility of our water resources, since without water our land and our future would dry up.



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 7<sup>th</sup> 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