



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

**2012 JULIUS M. KLEINER MEMORIAL PARK
GRAND OPENING DAY**

WHEREAS, public parks embody the American tradition of preserving public lands for the benefit and use of all; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans greatly value the diversity, beauty and history of our community's parks and open spaces and the safe and affordable opportunities they provide for families and individuals to reconnect with nature and have fun together; and

WHEREAS, this park has been generously donated to the City of Meridian by Gene Kleiner as a lasting legacy to his late father, Julius M. Kleiner, an upstanding Idaho citizen who dedicated nearly 60 years of service to farming and food production; and

WHEREAS, every day, city employees and volunteers will dedicate their time and energy to uphold the beauty and integrity of this park so future generations may enjoy the enhanced quality of life and bolstered vitality it provides; and

WHEREAS, this park's many amenities – including its amphitheatre, arboretum, water features, public art, veterans memorial and senior center – will offer opportunities for education, enrichment and cultural awareness to citizens of all ages and interests; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas lead to increased value of private land, a higher tax base, and ultimately many economic benefits to a community; and

WHEREAS, this park will increase local and regional revenue from tourism and special events and act as a catalyst for economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby declare June 9, 2012 to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to appreciate, care for and recognize with pride this newest park in the state of Idaho to be enjoyed for generations to come by citizens from near and far.



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 June 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