



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 IDAHO POST OFFICE SESQUINTENNIAL MONTH

WHEREAS, post offices on the American frontier linked our pioneer ancestors to their families and the outside world; and

WHEREAS, Lewiston, Washington Territory, was founded on May 13, 1861 as a supply town for the gold fields of the inland Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the United States Post Office Department approved an office for Lewiston on July 1, 1862, the first in what would become the Idaho Territory; and

WHEREAS, Almer Lawrence Downer (1807-1898) was appointed on July 15, 1862 as the first postmaster to manage the office; and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston post office opened for official business on July 25, 1862; and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston post office processed the mailing of Idaho's first newspaper to regional publications in August 1862; and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston post office processed the first official correspondence from William H. Wallace, Governor of the Idaho Territory, on July 11, 1863;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim July 2012 to be

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in Idaho.



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 July 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