



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 “SERVING FROM THE HEART FOR OUR VETERANS” DAY

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is in its 99th year of volunteer service to America; and

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation’s youth so that what our nation’s veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports the troops deployed overseas; and

WHEREAS, the 500,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are now on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of this country’s most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 National President, Leanne Lemley, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, “*Serving from the Heart for Our Veterans*”; and

WHEREAS, July 31, 2012 will be a time to celebrate Leanne Lemley’s visit to Rexburg, Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2012 to be

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in Idaho, and encourage citizens to honor the National President Leanne Lemley and all the members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for their outstanding volunteer service to veterans and their families.

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 31st 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-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.



C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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