



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

## **2012 CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and this tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, founded nearly 20 years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise; and

WHEREAS, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids Program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distribute thousands of beautifully handmade caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery in fighting the battle against childhood cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of September 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 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 one hundred twenty-third.



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE