



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS, September 17, 2012, marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Constitutional Convention, providing a historic opportunity for all Americans to remember the achievements of our Founding Fathers and to reflect on the actions of Americans who for the past 225 years have defined the words of the Constitution by exercising their rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution is fundamentally predicated on governance by “We the People,” making citizens’ understanding the Constitution and its framework an essential element of the future of our country and the civic health of its populace; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this remarkable document and the milestone anniversary of its creation, and the additions to it in the form of 27 amendments; and

WHEREAS, the National Constitutional Center, America’s first and only nonpartisan, nonprofit institution devoted to the Constitution, located in Philadelphia across from Independence Hall where the Constitution was drafted and signed, is the home of the 225th anniversary celebration of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, July 3rd marks the anniversary of Idaho’s statehood and ratification of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the signing of the Constitution and of Americans who strive to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 106, as amended), designated September 17th as Constitutional Day and Citizenship Day, and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956 (36 U.S.C. 108, as amended), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd of each year as “Constitution Week”;

NOW THEREFORE, I C. L., “Butch” Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim September 17th - 23rd to be

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in Idaho, and encourage all citizens to recognize and appreciate the importance of this enduring document to our nation and reaffirm our commitment to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in this great nation; I ask that all state and local officials as well as leaders of civic, social and educational organizations bring citizens together to celebrate and reflect upon the Constitution and conduct ceremonies and programs in honor of our founding document’s 225th anniversary.



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 17th 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 the one hundred twenty-third.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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