



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, nearly 1,700 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, approximately 8,000 unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, over 78,000 from World War II, one Missing in Action in Iraq, and one Prisoner of War – Idaho’s own Bowe Bergdahl – in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, their families, friends, and other concerned Americans still must deal with the uncertainty concerning their fates; and

WHEREAS, United States government intelligence and other evidence indicate that most countries in which U.S. losses occurred could provide greater assistance to answer questions about missing Americans; and

WHEREAS, that the State of Idaho commends and endorses the national commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation’s wars; and

WHEREAS, that the State of Idaho calls on Congress to ensure that POW/MIA-related government offices and organizations receive the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the principled mission of accounting for our missing veterans, thus signaling nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 21-27 to be

2012 POW/MIA RECOGNITION WEEK

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 21st 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.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of Ben Ysursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE