



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution is the oldest written national constitution still in continuous use; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution protects the Liberty of the American People by limiting the federal government to a very few specified powers, leaving the general power of government to the several States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution recognizes in the Ninth Article of Amendment the Natural Rights of man referred to in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the People of the United States are less familiar with the history and text of the Constitution than previous generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, this wonderful inheritance can be lost through indifference and ignorance, allowing those in power to trespass on the Constitution and the Liberties of the People; and

WHEREAS, the public reading of the text of the United States Constitution is an effective way for a community to appreciate the Providential gift of the Constitution and the way it protects them from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution was approved by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787 and sent to the States for ratification;

NOW, THEREFORE, I C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2012 the Saturday before the anniversary of the close of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 as

2012 READ THE CONSTITUTION DAY

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 15th 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-seven and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE