



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the nation and the state of Idaho observe World Alzheimer's Awareness Month during the month of September; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease; as many as 200,000 of those are individuals under the age of 65 who have younger-onset Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in Idaho; this eventually fatal disease is a serious and growing threat to the health of our world; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is staggering; more than 15 million caregivers provided over 17.4 billion hours of unpaid care in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to our country in total payments for healthcare, long-term care and hospice for people with Alzheimer's disease was \$210 billion in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 to be

**2012 WORLD ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS
MONTH**

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 1st 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