



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit is the nation's most effective tax benefit for working families; and

WHEREAS, the cost to administer the Earned Income Tax Credit program ratio to claims paid is less than 1 percent; and

WHEREAS, four of five eligible taxpayers claim this credit, many who are self-employed, live in rural areas, receive disability payments for themselves or their children, are grandparents raising grandchildren, or are recently divorced or unemployed do not realize that they qualify to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit has been shown to lift taxpayers out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but also contributes more broadly to the improvements and progress of local communities by creating economic activity; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012 tax filing season, over \$2 million was claimed by 5,100 Idahoans who had their taxes filed free of charge by Volunteer Individual Tax Assistance participants, which generated over \$3.1 million in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, during the 2012 tax filing season, an additional 127,900 Idahoans were able to claim and receive \$288 million in Earned Income Tax Credit payments, much of which was spent in local communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2013, to be

**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AWARENESS  
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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen 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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SECRETARY OF STATE