



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to the pursuit of public policies that strengthen the family and offer the greatest possible choice in education for the children of this state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the tremendous value and importance of active parental involvement in the education of every school-aged child; and

WHEREAS, since 1925, the United States Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized the fundamental constitutional right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children; and

WHEREAS, the section 33-202 of the **Idaho Code** expressly recognizes the legal right of all parents to educate their children at home; and

WHEREAS, children taught at home in the State of Idaho and across the nation have consistently demonstrated the excellence of this mode of education by attaining median scores on academic achievement tests that are well above average; and

WHEREAS, home education provides children with the ideal opportunity to receive a strong academic education coupled with a broad range of opportunities for healthy socialization in a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, home education provides parents with the opportunity to directly cultivate and influence the faith and moral values of their children; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Idaho recognize and celebrate the contributions of home schooling families, parents and children alike, to the quality of education available within the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 30, 2013 to be

**HOME EDUCATION 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 30<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