



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of children throughout the state of Idaho is of paramount importance to their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States approximately 40,000 children are born with one or more of 35 identified forms of congenital heart defects (CHD); and

WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are among Idaho's most common birth defects; and because of a failure of timely diagnosis, limited availability of infant donor hearts and insufficient medical intervention option, many children and adults die as a result of congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, medical research is providing more identifiable origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects, improving outcomes for patients; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that parents, doctors, nurses and those in other health professions have a greater awareness of the potential for CHD and their symptoms in newborns and children so they can provide proper treatment as early as possible; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with their communities so that we all can be more aware of how CHD affects the lives of those around us;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2013 to be

**CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS
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 7th day of February 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