



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the world has been transformed by technology making modern life more efficient, accessible, richer and faster; and

WHEREAS, the modern world demands that the United States have a highly trained workforce in order to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, most industries and practices have embraced technology and used it to improve the way they do things; and

WHEREAS, education has yet to capture the potential that effective use of technology can offer in providing new ways for improved and personalized instruction for students; and

WHEREAS, when done correctly, the infusion of digital learning and the effective use of technology in schools can help personalize and improve the education of every child; and

WHEREAS, digital learning and the effective use of technology can assist every teacher to do their job more effectively by providing real-time data to track individual student progress, create improved and efficient learning processes that give teachers more time to spend with each student, and eliminate bureaucratic administrative burdens that take time away from teaching; and

WHEREAS, the nation has a growing fiscal crisis affecting state education budgets, a teacher shortage, and lack of a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, more schools and teachers are exploring the use of high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to improve student learning; and

WHEREAS, it is important that any new change in teaching methods and infusion of technology in schools be done so in a high-quality manner that best helps every student and ensures public funding is being spent appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the second annual Digital Learning Day will occur on February 6, 2013, in order to educate teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers and the public on ways to successfully integrate high-quality digital learning and the effective use of technology to help improve the education of every student;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2013 to be

**DIGITAL LEARNING DAY**

in Idaho, and I encourage all teachers, students, schools, parents, policymakers and the public to participate in Digital Learning Day activities and use it as a day of exploration to learn about new types of innovation in the classroom and to promote promising practices in digital learning already taking place in many classrooms around the nation and 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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