



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho is vulnerable to flooding every year, with Idaho’s historical record illustrating a high number of damaging flooding events, and with every county having experienced flooding; and

WHEREAS, flooding conditions can cause significant damage to commerce, public and private property, disruption of public services, and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life and damage to property and commerce can be greatly reduced if appropriate flood preparedness, control and mitigation measures are taken before a flood, including the purchase of flood insurance, development of flood preparedness plans, and adherence to prudent land-use planning; and

WHEREAS, floodplain managers, first responders, research institutions and emergency managers throughout Idaho constantly prepare to protect public safety before and during a flooding event; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Silver Jackets, a team of member agencies committed to reducing flood risks in Idaho, serves as a catalyst in development of solutions to flood-hazard issues, including training, exercises, responsible floodplain regulations, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, flood inundation mapping, and informing Idahoans of preparedness measures to reduce the effects of flooding; and

WHEREAS, flood hazard risk, vulnerability and preparedness information can be obtained from www.floodsafety.noaa.gov and www.floodsmart.gov and should be studied and observed throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage during flood events, landslides and ice jams;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 18-22, 2013, to be:

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho and encourage all Idahoans to consider preparing their homes and communities for the potential of flood events.



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 18th day of March 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