



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, March 4, 2013 will mark the Idaho Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Banquet and celebration; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of March 4, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a congressional act into law creating the Idaho Territory; and

WHEREAS, fur trade and missionary work brought the territory's first settlers; and

WHEREAS, in 1849 thousands of immigrants passed through what would become the Idaho Territory during the California Gold Rush, creating communities, schools and newspapers; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 1890 President Benjamin Harrison signed an act of Congress establishing Idaho as a state; and

WHEREAS, over the past 150 years, Idaho has brought great pride to our citizens and nation; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is known for its rich soil, vast and fruitful land and the beautiful mountains that are enriched with opportunity, strong family values and an inimitable spirit of independence and self-reliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2013 to be

## **IDAHO SESQUICENTENNIAL DAY**



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE