



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, Lynch Syndrome is a hereditary condition which predisposes individuals to a litany of cancers as a result of a defective mismatch repair gene; and

WHEREAS, the lifetime risk of cancers related to Lynch Syndrome includes up to 82 percent for colorectal cancer, 65 percent for endometrial cancer, 19 percent for gastric cancer, 13 percent for ovarian cancer and a higher-than-average risk for many other cancers, often occurring at a much younger than average age; and

WHEREAS, 600,000 persons in the United States alone are projected to be at risk for Lynch Syndrome, and approximately 5 percent are diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, knowing one's family history of cancers is essential to obtaining genetic testing for Lynch Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, genetic testing is the only method for diagnosis of Lynch Syndrome and EGAPP guidelines dictate pathological testing for all colorectal tumors as a precursor test for genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, if positive for Lynch Syndrome, annual cancer screenings will be prescribed to remove or treat tumors before they become life threatening;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2013 to be

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER  
PUBLIC AWARENESS DAY**

in Idaho, and urge all citizens of Idaho to learn their family histories of cancers and discuss them with their physician in order to protect families and save lives.



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 26<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.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE