



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week in 1961, and since then the annual designation has helped raise awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals and other substances; and

WHEREAS, each year the nation's poison centers answer more than 4 million calls; and

WHEREAS, approximately 90 percent of poisonings occur in people's homes; and

WHEREAS, over 50 percent of poisoning exposures involve children under the age of 6; and

WHEREAS, our children too often have access to commonly used medications and to potentially toxic household products such as nail polish remover, cleaning products, lighter fluid, windshield washer fluid, anti-freeze, gasoline, pesticides and paint solvents; and

WHEREAS, the latest national poisoning data, which includes Idaho, show a continued decline in the number of accidental ingestions of medications and household products among children, as well as a decline in fatalities associated with accidental poisonings; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's official and volunteer organizations, through information and education programs, have been instrumental in alerting individuals to the need for poison prevention, including the proper use of child-resistant packaging and locking up poisons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2013 to be

**NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK IN
IDAHO**

and encourage all to join in this observance to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of ourselves, our families and our community.



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 17th 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