



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West, and in Idaho especially, cowboy pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving our western heritage and the culture of Idaho through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and endearing qualities of these old stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a cherished Idaho tradition; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has produced several, well-respected, contemporary cowboy poets, and recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as the cowboys themselves; and

WHEREAS, Idaho hosts major cowboy gatherings in Hagerman, St. Anthony, Montpelier, Fruitland and Rupert; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of cowboy poetry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2013 to be

COWBOY POETRY WEEK

in Idaho, and I urge all Idaho citizens to recognize and celebrate this occasion.



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 21st day of April 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 blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A blue ink signature of Ben Ysursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE