



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen will celebrate *its* 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act on July 1, 1862, and tasked Union Pacific with building westward and Central Pacific Railroad of California with building eastward, thereby joining east and west; and

WHEREAS, over six years, thousands of workers and 1,900 miles later the transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869 with the hammering of a golden spike; and

WHEREAS, it was during this construction period on May 8, 1863 that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen was founded to represent thousands of individuals employed by the rail industry, who, by working together, built one of the largest infrastructure systems in the history of our nation; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the industrial and economic development of our state is historically connected to the railway infrastructure while allowing both our citizens and freight to move cross-country quickly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, 55,000 active and retired members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen in the United States and Canada have devoted their lives to a great industry and are good citizens in their respective countries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013 to be

## **LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN DAY**

in Idaho, and encourage Idahoans to celebrate the contributions of rail throughout Idaho's and the nation's history.



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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 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", positioned above a horizontal line.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", positioned above a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE