



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's proud military history, the courageous women of the American armed forces have served with honor and distinction – from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, women have served in all of our nation's major conflicts, often in extremely dangerous situations, and have even been taken as prisoners of war during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Storm, and World War II; and

WHEREAS, women comprise almost 15 percent of our active duty forces, 19 percent of our Reserve forces, and 15 percent of our Guard forces; and

WHEREAS, women no longer are excluded from serving in combat; and

WHEREAS, over 13,000 women veterans are living in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the number of women veterans who attend these conferences nationally has continued to increase, along with the women veterans' awareness of the benefits and services to which they are entitled as a result of their military service;

Now, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the Great State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 10, 2013 as

Idaho Women Veterans Day

in recognition of the duty and sacrifices of Idaho women veterans who have served our great state and nation in the armed forces.



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 10th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eight and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

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

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE