



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity are serious problems and are recognized as affecting people across this state and our tribal organizations, especially during economic downturns — not only those who suffer its immediate and direct effects, but all of our society; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans from across our state will gather to attend the fifth Summit on Hunger and Food Security in Idaho; to learn about the status of food security in Idaho; to identify best practices and “next steps” for Idaho; and to celebrate the successes from the Summit in 2012; and

WHEREAS, good nutrition and eating habits have a positive effect on health, well-being and the ability to learn, especially for our children; and the ability to remain independent for our seniors; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is an agricultural state with over 25,000 farms, partnerships between hunger relief and our Idaho food systems can benefit Idaho farmers and hungry Idahoans with local nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the longstanding tradition of care, humanitarian spirit and generosity upheld by Idahoans, we come together as one people during “Hunger and Food Security Awareness Month” to lend a hand and add our voices to the chorus of many who are dedicated to this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, an initiative such as “Hunger and Food Security Awareness Month” not only sends a message of support to those in need, but raises awareness of this critical issue among the general population of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, no one person or organization can end hunger, I encourage citizens, communities, faith groups, state agencies, farmers, emerging young leaders and non-profit organizations to participate together in this worthy cause and encourage everyone to become involved through essential public and private partnerships to strengthen Idaho food systems and provide food security for all Idahoans: and

WHEREAS, we have so much potential in the youth of our great state, I encourage our emerging young leaders to participate in solutions that can be found within each Idaho community and be a part of creating a food secure future for Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2014 to be

HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



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 7th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America in the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty fifth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE