



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the lives of hundreds of children could be saved each year if communities take steps to make pedestrian safety a priority; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children, and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the difficulties and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, community leaders and parents can determine the “walkability” of their community by using a walkability checklist; and

WHEREAS, community members and leaders should make a plan for immediate changes to enable children to safely walk and bicycle in our communities and develop a list of suggestions for improvements that can be done over time; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around the world are joining together to walk to school and evaluate walking and bicycling conditions in their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 8th, 2014 to be

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

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 8th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fifth.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE