WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those who reach out to help their neighbors when they are in need; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day volunteering their time, giving blood, taking life-saving courses or providing financial donations to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, we would like to remember our heroes here in Idaho who work tirelessly to help in times of disaster, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross provides round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, American Red Cross teaches lifesaving classes in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornados, tragedies at the Boston Marathon, the typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, floods, and the wildfires here in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, whenever an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home comfort, a hospital patient needed blood, a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child, or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there; and

WHEREAS, our state depends on the American Red Cross, who relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “Butch” Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim March 2014 to be

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in Idaho and encourage all Idahoans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

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 4th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE