



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775 was the day when Lexington and Concord Massachusetts, were marched upon by British Regulars in an effort to confiscate munitions stored for the local militia; and

WHEREAS, near the hour of 5 a.m. between 600 and 800 British troops encountered 75 patriots at Lexington Green, where Captain Parker ordered, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon; but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here"; and

WHEREAS, the result was the "shot heard around the world," and by days end the British troops had retreated; and

WHEREAS, the events of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775 ignited a passion in the colonial patriots that promoted the American Revolutionary War, the founding of a great nation, and the freedoms our citizens enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, Patriot's Day is an opportunity to focus on the historic nature of the American Revolution and the sacrifices men and women endured over the course of an eight-year struggle leading to our independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to be

# **PATRIOT'S 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen 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.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE