



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of top soil, clean the air, store carbon, produce oxygen, cut heating and cooling costs, and provide wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, millions of seedlings are hand-planted in Idaho's forests annually in addition to the millions that nature plants; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's working forests provide tens of thousands of jobs and are a renewable and sustainable source of wood and paper products that are energy efficient and recyclable; and

WHEREAS, working forests contribute to the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of Idaho's people and communities; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2014 to be

ARBOR DAY

in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this day in observance of the important role trees play in our daily lives and the renewability of this precious resource.



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 25th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen 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