



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, since 1939, the Idaho Public Health Association has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving Idaho’s health; and

WHEREAS, obesity continues to be a leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States and in Idaho. In Idaho, 27% of adults are obese while 62.3% of adults are either overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, 29 % of Idaho third grade students were classified as overweight or obese in 2011-2012, and 23% of ninth through twelfth grade Idaho high school students were classified as overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, 82.5% of Idaho adults do not eat the minimum recommended servings of fruits and vegetables each day and only 19% of ninth through twelfth grade Idaho high school students ate fruits and vegetables five or more times during the seven days prior to completing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey; and

WHEREAS, 15.4% of Idaho adults report “fair” or “poor” general health; and an additional 22.1% of Idaho adults do not have health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, many preventable diseases could be reduced through regular immunizations. In 2010, 12.4% of Idaho adults living with children reported that they did not believe children should have all recommended vaccines before starting school; and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 7th-11th to be

# **Idaho Public Health Week**

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 7<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-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fourth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE