



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2,700 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 percent and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the lifelong health concerns and treatments resulting from pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke; and pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts and treatment often are different in children than in adults; and only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnoses and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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

# **PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Idaho, and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides as it strives to enhance public awareness of pediatric stroke.



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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 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