



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, in declaring our independence from Great Britain, our Founding Fathers noted certain “truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;” and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Constitution ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, concurs with our Declaration of Independence by acknowledging that, “All men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; pursuing happiness and securing safety;” and

WHEREAS, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, of the Idaho Constitution also states that, “All political power is inherent in the people,” and that, “Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit;” and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned principles make our country unique in that the people are sovereign and the government is established to serve and defend these rights; and

WHEREAS, members of the first annual Idaho Patriot Academy have gathered to learn about the proper role of good governance, the significance of the solemn oath of office to uphold the Constitution, the importance of a free market system and private property rights, all of which are imperative for a free society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of June 10th-13th, 2014 to be

IDAHO PATRIOT WEEK



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 10th day of June 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