



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, it is an honored tradition of governments to recognize, encourage and foster their own artists; and

WHEREAS, James Charles Castle was born in Garden Valley, Idaho, on September 25, 1899; and

WHEREAS James Castle was deaf, mute, possibly autistic, and self-taught; and

WHEREAS James Castle for nearly 70 years created drawings, paintings, books and constructions; and

WHEREAS James Castle provides a remarkable example of resolution, determination, persistence and creative intelligence; and

WHEREAS James Castle became Idaho's most acclaimed artist; and

WHEREAS James Castle now is internationally recognized with exhibitions at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago, and Portland Art Museum, and in England, France, Germany and Spain; and

WHEREAS the Smithsonian Institution in September opens a four-month exhibition, "Untitled: The Art of James Castle," with 54 newly acquired pieces of his artwork in the American Art Museum; and

WHEREAS Garden Valley and the City of Crouch have chosen to honor their native son during the last Saturday and Sunday of September 2014 with "James Castle Days;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim, together with the Crouch City Council and the Garden Valley Center for the Arts, September 27-28, 2014 to be

JAMES CASTLE DAYS

in Crouch and Garden Valley; and I extend best wishes to residents of Crouch and Garden Valley and invite them, along with all Idahoans, to join in the annual commemorative celebration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the State of Idaho on this day of September 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-fifth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE