



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 million American workers use respirators every day to protect against potential job hazards – from doctors and nurses to firefighters, first-responders, coal miners, and agriculture workers; and

WHEREAS, many of these workers depend on particulate filtering facepiece respirators when working in environments with hazardous airborne particles; and

WHEREAS, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the federal agency responsible for testing and approving personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, this agency has established N95 Day to emphasize the importance of properly using NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators; and

WHEREAS, NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators filter 95% of particles and significantly reduce the wearer’s risk of inhaling hazardous airborne particles from dangerous chemicals, dust, metal fumes and many infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, respirators are personal protective devices designed to fit closely to the face and cover at least the nose and mouth; and

WHEREAS, a surgical mask is not the same as a respirator and does not offer the same type of protection; and

WHEREAS, respirators can become contaminated, a user should never touch the front of the respirator with his or her bare hands. Hands should always be washed after donning and doffing the respirator; and

WHEREAS, the most effective emergency preparedness is proper use every day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to be

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in Idaho, and encourage respirator users to take a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the N95 guidelines available from NIOSH; I also encourage business, government agencies, community-based organizations and service groups to spread the message throughout their communities..

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fifth.



C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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