



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity are serious problems and are recognized as affecting communities and tribal organizations across Idaho – not only those who suffer the immediate and direct effects, but all of society; and

WHEREAS, good nutrition and eating habits have a positive effect on health, well-being and the ability to learn – especially for our children – and the ability to remain independent for our seniors; and

WHEREAS, too many Idahoans remain food insecure, and although there have been great strides in strengthening local and regional food systems and improving access for all, we should continue strengthening the trend toward healthier lifestyles for Idaho’s children, seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, we all share in the responsibility of assuring access to healthy food and promoting good food choices for all Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is an agricultural state with over 25,000 farms, and partnerships between hunger relief and Idaho food systems is a crucial component providing access to nutritious food through Idaho farmers’ markets, which benefit Idaho farmers and food insecure Idahoans, and support our state economy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the longstanding tradition of care, humanitarian spirit and generosity upheld by Idahoans, we come together during “Hunger and Food Security Awareness Month” and “National Food Day” to lend a hand and add our voices to those who are dedicated to this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, an initiative such as “Hunger and Food Security Awareness Month” not only sends a message of support to those in need, but raises awareness of this critical issue among the general population of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, no one person or organization can end hunger, I encourage citizens, communities, faith groups, State agencies, farmers and non-profit organizations to participate together in this worthy cause and encourage everyone to become involved through public and private partnerships to strengthen Idaho food systems and provide food security for all Idahoans;

NOW THEREFORE, I C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 to be

HUNGER AND FOOD SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE