



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho citizens want our children to be healthy, safe, and connected to others in a positive manner and those who work in the juvenile justice system share the same goals for the juveniles and families they serve; and

WHEREAS, on any given day over 5,500 Idaho juveniles are directly involved in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the cost to serve juveniles at the highest level of service can average two hundred fifty dollars per day and involvement in the juvenile justice system can have significant effect on their futures including impeding their ability to find employment, obtain educational loans, a secure housing; and

WHEREAS, the overarching and intertwining goals of the juvenile justice system ensure public safety and altering the life trajectories of those juveniles to not only reduce criminal behavior but to improve their chances to prosper as productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, research has proven reaching those goals is most successful when youth receive juvenile justice services situated as close to home as possible; and

WHEREAS, working partnerships between State, County, and local community members currently provide positive outcomes for juveniles in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, these positive outcomes include a significant reduction in the number of juveniles committed to the highest level of service in state juvenile corrections, reduction in the number of juveniles arrested and brought into the system, and a reduction in the recidivism of the juveniles exiting the system; and

WHEREAS, National Youth Justice Awareness Month is dedicated to preventing youth from entering the juvenile and criminal justice system and an opportunity to encourage all Idahoans to increase their awareness of juvenile justice, to recognize the work of those providing services and support to juveniles in Idaho and across the country, and to participate in activities and programs that help youth fulfill their greatest potential;

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

# **NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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*LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE*