



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes that all of our citizens have the right to equality, opportunity, independence and freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, we also recognize that our citizens who are blind have the same rights as they pursue employment and full participation in the economic and social life of this state; and*

*WHEREAS, we understand that the long white cane is not only a tool used by our citizens who are blind to travel freely, independently and safely throughout our state, cities and communities, but is also a symbol of their rights to pursue their individual goals; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize that these rights have been protected through legislation on the state and federal levels;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2015 to be*

## **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

*in Idaho, and call upon Idahoans to use this occasion to reflect upon the significance of the long white cane and to actively support the efforts of our citizens who are blind as they pursue employment and full integration into our cities and communities, and I urge motorists to be courteous and take proper precautions when they encounter blind pedestrians.*



*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 15<sup>th</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.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lawrence Denney".

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE