



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the first ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, collectively known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, December 15, 2015 marks the 224th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms and protects fundamental human and civil rights for which persons of all races have struggled for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights is the foundation of American liberty, securing such fundamental rights as the freedom to speak, assemble, and practice our faith as we please; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our forefathers and hundreds of thousands of men and women serving with police agencies and in the United States military have sacrificed, suffered and died; and

WHEREAS, the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perennial celebration and the sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a special day honoring the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights for the citizens of Idaho, our nation, and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2015 to be

## **BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**

in Idaho, and I encourage all citizens to observe Bill of Rights Day in a way that brings meaning and importance to each of the ten Amendments contained in the Bill of Rights.



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 December 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