



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the study of Family and Consumer Sciences began as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families regarding water quality, food safety and the safety of home environments; and

WHEREAS, building on its strong foundation, Family and Consumer Sciences continues to use the family as its central focus, and continues expanding its content base to meet the ever-evolving needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences has a long and colorful history of utilizing its unique content areas of food and nutrition, human and child development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues to equip and empower individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals promote families eating and preparing meals together as a way to build strong families and improve nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work in careers as diverse as secondary and higher education, extension outreach, family and child agencies, consumer protection, retail/business and as entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the conditions impacting individuals and families today are increasingly complex, including obesity, spousal and child abuse, inability to manage financial affairs and more, creating the need for a heightened role for Family and Consumer Sciences; and

WHEREAS, policy makers and the general public need an awareness and understanding of the relevance of Family and Consumer Sciences in addressing many of the problems that are afflicting Idaho families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2015 to be

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DAY

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 3rd 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.

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

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE