



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho is fortunate enough to have a large and highly decorated veteran population; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho accords the utmost respect and gratitude for these men and women who have selflessly served their country in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the contribution and sacrifices of the men and women of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation who served in the armed forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart, or the Badge of Military Merit, is given to members of the United State armed forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho seeks to recognize the dedication of Purple Heart recipients of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation and thank them for defending our freedoms through their courage and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no other Purple Heart reservations in Idaho, nor the greater United States, and Idaho is proud to recognize this national achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim Fort Hall Indian Reservation as the first

PURPLE HEART RESERVATION

and I encourage all Idahoans to join me in celebrating this honor, and to show their appreciation for the sacrifices of Purple Heart recipients.



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 30th 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