



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho is vulnerable to flooding every year, with Idaho's scientific and historical record illustrating a high number of damaging flood events, and with every county having experienced flooding or flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, flooding conditions can cause significant damage to commerce, public and private property, disruption of public services, and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life and damage to property and commerce can be greatly reduced if appropriate flood preparedness, control and mitigation measures are taken before a flood, including the purchase of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program, development of flood preparedness plans, adherence to prudent land-use planning; and

WHEREAS, floodplain managers, first responders, research institutions and emergency managers throughout Idaho constantly prepare to protect public safety before and during a flooding event; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Silver Jackets, celebrating five years as an interagency organization, serves as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including training, exercises, responsible floodplain regulations, flood awareness and outreach activities, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, and flood inundation mapping, and informs Idahoans of preparedness measures to reduce the effects of flooding and flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, flood hazard risk, vulnerability and preparedness information can be obtained from [www.floodsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov), <http://www.floodsmart.gov/>, and from the Idaho RiskMAP portfolio (available at [http://bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/Plans/RiskMap/IFSRP\\_Final\\_2012.pdf](http://bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/Plans/RiskMap/IFSRP_Final_2012.pdf)) and should be studied and observed throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage during flood and post-wildfire events, landslides and ice jams;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 17-21, 2014 to be

## **Idaho Flood Awareness Week**

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-fifth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE