



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, geneticists estimate that approximately 3,600 individuals in Idaho and over 800,000 persons throughout the United States alone have Lynch syndrome, including one in every 440 persons and studies show that only 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers, and every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Idaho and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 22nd, 2014 to be

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in Idaho.



Lawrence Denney

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 22nd 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

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR