



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of one in 2,700 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 percent and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the lifelong health concerns and treatments resulting from pediatric stroke take a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke; and stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts and treatment often are different in children than in adults; and only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, early diagnoses and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improve chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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

## **PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen 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