



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of Idahoans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho's public lands, specifically Idaho's State parks and recreational trail ways attract hundreds of bicyclists each year, providing an improved quality of life through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship by fostering experiences that renew the human spirit and promote community vitality for the citizens of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Idaho's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the state more attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the outdoors and healthy lifestyles; and*

*WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, League of American Bicyclists, bicycle advocacy groups and clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Idaho are encouraged to promote bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2015; and*

*WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists on the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users;*

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

## **BICYCLE MONTH**

*in Idaho, and encourage all who support bicycling to participate in the planned events and urges everyone to share the road safely with bicyclists.*



*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  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE