



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, *The National Federation of the Blind of Idaho (NFBI) is by far the oldest and largest organization of the blind in this State; and*

WHEREAS, *The NFBI has been at the cutting edge of innovations and progress for the blind for the last 80 years by working for the creation of the Idaho Commission for the Blind which occurred in 1967, supporting competitive employment for the blind, working with parents of blind children and other service providers for better education and social development for Idaho's blind children, including providing two Braille Enrichment, Literacy and Learning summer programs for blind children, providing recreational opportunities through programs such as the monthly BEST club in Boise, the Easter egg hunt in Idaho Falls, and the summer activity day for teens and young adults, helping to provide blind college students with better college programs through advocacy and scholarships, and educating communities about the capabilities of the blind through the Cycle for Independence in Boise and similar community activities around the state just to name a few examples; and*

WHEREAS, *As a part of the National Federation of the Blind, the NFBI has participated in such programs as the Washington Seminar working to eliminate the payment of subminimum wages to blind people and other persons with disabilities, developing standards to increase accessibility in higher education, and increasing the availability of specialized materials for the blind across international borders; Youth Slam, and STEM To You which increase opportunities for the blind in science, technology, engineering and math; improving accessibility to the Internet; and much, much more; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho will hold its 80th State Convention in Boise at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center May 8-9, 2015 and is inviting blind people and friends and families and service providers to participate in this event;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2-9, 2015, to be

## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND WEEK**

*in Idaho, and I encourage all citizens of Idaho to learn more about the accomplishments of the National Federation of the Blind by visiting with members of this organization or visiting the Web site <https://nfb.org/>.*



*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 2<sup>nd</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