



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, heterotaxy syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement and presence of internal organs; and

WHEREAS, the public is unaware of heterotaxy syndrome, including many medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, heterotaxy syndrome affects many body systems and requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

WHEREAS, families struggle to educate medical teams and often are the only common thread between medical specialties; and

WHEREAS, mortality is high, but the exact numbers are unclear due to a lack of tracking and research; and

WHEREAS, those with heterotaxy syndrome that survive to adulthood find their condition largely unknown to the community; and

WHEREAS, funding of research into causes and holistic treatment of heterotaxy syndrome is scarce; and

WHEREAS, Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day also will provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about heterotaxy syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2015 to be

HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

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 4th 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