



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, a highly skilled workforce is critical to Idaho and the nation's competitiveness;  
and

WHEREAS, Idaho students require a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering  
and mathematics (STEM) to succeed in increasingly technical jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho State Board of Education,  
the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education, business, industry and higher education  
have partnered to establish the Idaho STEM initiative, or "i-STEM;" and

WHEREAS, the i-STEM mission is, "To enhance and develop excellence in STEM education  
for Idaho's future;" and

WHEREAS, i-STEM supports professional development opportunities and resources for K-12  
teachers, promoting achievement and success in the way our students learn science, technology,  
mathematics and engineering; and

WHEREAS, i-STEM has established resource centers at North Idaho College, Lewis-Clark  
State College, the College of Western Idaho, the College of Southern Idaho, the College of  
Technology at Idaho State University, and Eastern Idaho Technical College to help improve the  
content knowledge, skills and professional development of the STEM teacher workforce and to  
improve the physical and technological resources available in STEM classrooms and other learning  
environments; and

WHEREAS, teachers and administrators will gather June 14-27 at six Idaho college and  
university campuses for "2015 i-STEM Summer Institutes; Act Local Think Global!" to enhance  
their STEM teaching and learning and to better integrate STEM materials, place-based resources,  
and STEM curriculum into their classrooms;

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

## **STEM EDUCATION MONTH**

and encourage educators and leaders in government, business, technology and science to continue  
this STEM partnership to help Idaho students better analyze, reason, access technology and  
communicate solutions to the challenges of tomorrow.



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  
June 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