



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, arthrogyrosis is defined as multiple congenital joint contractures, which occurs when multiple joints are stuck in one position and have very little flexibility; and

WHEREAS, arthrogyrosis is caused by an unborn baby not moving properly during fetal development; causing the newborn to lack a normal range of motion in one or more joints; and

WHEREAS, the different types of arthrogyrosis include: amyoplasia (a non-genetic type), which is due to the muscles failing to develop; and Multiple Pterygium/Escober Syndrome (a genetic type), which occurs when the messages that impact a person's muscle movements are affected; and

WHEREAS, "arthro" means joint, "gryposis" means crooked, "multiplex" means multiple and "congenital" means existing at birth or present at birth, Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is an umbrella and descriptive diagnosis, meaning that arthrogyrosis can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

WHEREAS, arthrogyrosis occurs one in 3,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, joints that can be affected by AMC include the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrist, fingers, toes, jaw and spine; but while any and all joints can be affected it is possible for some joints to be unaffected, and no two people are affected exactly the same way; and

WHEREAS, individuals born with arthrogyrosis require stretching, various therapies (physical, occupational, speech and others) and some surgical interventions that can help improve a person's independence level and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on June 30th, 2015, families across the world will be wearing the color blue to honor those affected by arthrogyrosis; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of arthrogyrosis and its impact on patients' quality of life will enable the community at large to better support people who struggle with the challenges of this disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, hereby proclaim June 30th, 2015 to be

ARTHROGRYPOSIS 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 30th 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