



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, some 57 million Americans have disabilities which have resulted in many of them suffering the indignities of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, some 304,000 Idahoans have disabilities, which have also caused many of them to suffer the indignities of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1988, the Idaho Human Rights Act was amended to prohibit employment discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Act to provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in the areas of education, employment, government services, places of public accommodation, commercial facilities and other vital areas of society; and

WHEREAS, it also is the purpose of this Act to provide clear, strong, consistent and enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and promoted full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to providing the most integrated, least restrictive environments for people with disabilities and their families to live in freedom and enjoy the promise of education, employment, effective communication, participation in their communities, culture and way of life, and to have an equal opportunity to participate as active, productive and independent citizens in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize this date and to heighten public awareness of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2015 to be

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS DAY

in Idaho, and encourage all Idahoans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.



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 17th day of July 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