WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March as national Poison Prevention Week in 1961, and since then the annual designation has helped raise awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals and other substances; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 2 million poisonings are reported to the nation’s poison centers; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in people’s homes; and

WHEREAS, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults; and

WHEREAS, the majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than 6; and

WHEREAS, our children too often have access to commonly used medications and to such potentially toxic household products as nail polish remover, cleaning products, lighter fluid, windshield washer fluid, antifreeze, gasoline, pesticides and paint solvents; and

WHEREAS, Idaho’s official and volunteer organizations, through information and education programs, have been instrumental in alerting individuals to the need for poison prevention, including the proper use of child-resistant packaging and locking up poisons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 20-26, 2016 to be

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in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans to learn about poison prevention and renew a commitment to ensuring the safety of ourselves, our families and our communities.

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 20th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE