WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but rather is an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, there are four times as many new clinical trials underway than in the 1990s and there are more new drugs expected in the next four years than in the previous five decades in the fight for a cure for neuromuscular disease; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for Idaho families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness month and light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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

Muscular Dystrophy Awareness and "Light it Up Green for MD" Month

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 1st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.