



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

Idaho Women Veterans Day

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's proud military history, the courageous women of the American armed forces have served with honor and distinction – from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and the Spanish-American War; and

WHEREAS, women have served in all of our nation's major conflicts, often in extremely dangerous situations, even taken as POWs during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Storm, and World War II; and

WHEREAS, women now comprise almost 15 percent of our active duty forces and 19 percent of our Reserve forces and 15 percent of our Guard forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of all career fields in the armed forces now are available to women; and

WHEREAS; an estimated 10,000 women veterans are living in the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has 101 women deployed with the Idaho Army National Guard 116th Calvary Brigade Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, nationwide the number of women veterans who attend these conferences has continued to increase along with the awareness of the benefits and services they are entitled to as a result of their military service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 27, 2011 as

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in Idaho, in recognition of the duty and sacrifices of Idaho women veterans who have served our great state and country in the armed forces.



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 27th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE