



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

National TRIO Day

WHEREAS National TRIO Day was designated in a concurrent resolution on February 24, 1986 by the 99th United States Congress and has been celebrated annually since in recognition of the importance of TRIO Programs in preparing non-traditional college-bound students to seek, pursue and excel at educational endeavors beyond the secondary level; and

WHEREAS TRIO Programs, Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math & Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program and Educational Opportunity Centers, were established more than 40 years ago to help low-income students overcome class, social, academic and cultural barriers to higher education and provide invaluable services to low-income and/or first-generation college goers to heighten their chances of successful matriculation at the post secondary education level; and

WHEREAS there are 24 TRIO Programs at five Idaho institutions of higher education, and these programs are represented jointly by the Idaho Association of TRIO Professional and the Northwest Association of TRIO Professionals (NASP); and

WHEREAS more than 7,000 low-income and/or first-generation college students in Idaho, including veterans and individuals with disabilities, benefit from the pre-college to graduate level services provided by these TRIO Programs; and

WHEREAS National TRIO Day is being celebrated across the country, to honor and praise TRIO Program participants who are striving to achieve academic excellence, and a higher quality of life through the pursuit of higher education; and

WHEREAS TRIO Programs have played a major role in reducing Idaho's dropout rate by encouraging and supporting high school completion, increasing the number of college graduates by providing needed guidance and support for successful matriculation, and reducing defaults in student loan programs by helping low-income students better understand their financial obligations; and

WHEREAS TRIO programs throughout the great state of Idaho support the educational dreams and aspirations of all Idaho citizens, creating an environment where everyone is encouraged to complete a post-secondary education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February, 26, 2011 to be

National TRIO 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 26th day of February 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