



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

**American Humane Association Hero Dog Day**

*WHEREAS, America has been defined, in part, by its heroes; and*

*WHEREAS, America's human heroes and first-responders have been well-served by search and rescue dogs, law enforcement and arson-detection dogs, and military dogs that risk their own lives to save human ones by detecting bombs and other explosives --with loyalty and courage; and*

*WHEREAS, service dogs trained to help the blind, the hearing impaired, people in wheelchairs or people needing alerts to other medical conditions that could create medical emergencies have worked tirelessly and obediently to support their owners; and*

*WHEREAS, some of America's pet dogs – though untrained in special skills – have performed extraordinary acts of kindness, comfort, or service in innovative roles including comforting children hospitalized with cancer, the elderly in nursing homes, and veterans suffering from PTSD;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as*

**American Humane Association Hero Dog 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 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.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. 'Butch' Otter", positioned above a horizontal line.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa", positioned above a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE