



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

International Infection Prevention Week

WHEREAS, infection preventionists are devoted to patient and healthcare worker safety and are committed to reducing the risk and occurrence of healthcare-associated infections; and

WHEREAS, every year, healthcare-associated infections are among the leading causes of death in the United States, accounting for an estimated 1.7 million infections and 99,000 associated deaths in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden attributed to healthcare-associated infections is staggering and represents an estimated \$28 billion to \$33 billion in excess healthcare costs each year and \$6.5 billion in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), it is estimated that at any given time more than 1.4 million people worldwide are suffering from infectious complications acquired in hospitals, with hospital-wide prevalence rates varying from 5 percent to 19 percent in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, there is need for a campaign to make the public aware of the importance of preventing healthcare-associated infections, thereby reducing the burden of human suffering and disease; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), representing more than 13,000 Infection Preventionists, sponsors International Infection Prevention Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 16-23, 2011 to be

International Infection Prevention Week

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 16th 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".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE