



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

Christian Heritage Week

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Idaho states that, " We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings and promote our common welfare do establish this Constitution"; and

WHEREAS, George Washington enunciated: "animated alone by the pure spirit of Christianity, and conducting ourselves as the faithful subjects of our free government, we may enjoy every temporal and spiritual felicity"; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, advocated "the diffusion of the light of Christianity in our nation" in his Memorial and Remonstrance; and

WHEREAS, learning about the importance of Christian heritage to our institutions, values and vision is invaluable, and teaching future generations about the important role of Christian heritage is meaningful to peoples of all faiths, just as learning about the heritage of other faiths is meaningful to Christians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011 to be

Christian Heritage 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