



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

**Idaho Mediation Month**

WHEREAS, the Idaho Mediation Association (IMA) is a statewide interdisciplinary network fostering collaborative dispute resolution and conflict management processes to promote peaceful settlements; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Idaho Mediation Association (IMA) is to provide a nonprofit interdisciplinary association of persons interested in the growth and development of non-adversarial and participatory forms of dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Mediation Association (IMA) was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1983; association members practice mediation and related types of dispute resolution in a variety of areas including divorce, civil court, business, environmental, agriculture, family, government and workplace; and

WHEREAS, many IMA members have hundreds of hours of case practice and training experience; and in addition most members have gone through IMA's process to become a Certified Professional Mediator (CPM); and the Association fosters the advancement of mediation through education and professional development throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Mediation Association (IMA) continues to meet the challenges of a changing environment and economic confrontations through peaceful resolutions to conflicts that arise in communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits to mediation because it is cost effective, participants are much more satisfied, mediation reduces the human cost of conflict, there is greater compliance with mediated agreements crafted through timely/expedited negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Mediation Association (IMA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to peaceful settlements for disputes throughout the state of Idaho;

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

**Idaho Mediation Month**

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 September 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