



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

**Guide Dogs for the Blind Day**

WHEREAS, our Idaho citizens experience the challenges that blindness and visual impairments bring in trying to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, many Idahoans are encountering visual difficulties as they grow older, due to diabetes, macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and many other eye ailments; and

WHEREAS, state government has a role in helping citizens find the tools they need to enhance their personal freedom and independence; and

WHEREAS, Guide Dogs for the Blind has given these dogs to qualified individuals from the United States and Canada at no cost to them, and with no government subsidies or billing of insurance, and succeeds completely on the support and generosity of their exceptional donors; and

WHEREAS, Guide Dogs for the Blind – since its inception in California in 1942, and with the addition of a training campus in our neighboring state of Oregon in 1995 – has focused on the Western United States as the main concentration for its volunteer puppy raising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Guide Dogs for the Blind continues to be the leader in innovation and advancement in the understanding of what these dogs can bring to the lives of their human partners with more than 10,000 teams graduated since 1942; and

WHEREAS, Guide Dogs for the Blind seeks new ways to spread the word throughout the State of Idaho of this exceptional service available to its citizens free-of-charge;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. 'BUTCH' OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2011 to be

**GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND 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 20<sup>th</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