



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

**Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day**

WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver changed the world by a legacy she started in 1968 in her backyard;  
and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, we remember her commitment to improving and enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics movement, was the leading international advocate for the rights of people with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver demonstrated an indomitable spirit that showed others that one person could make a difference and change the world; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred athletes to some 3.7 million athletes in over 180 countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, more than 33,000 people in Idaho have an intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, through the simple platform of sports, Special Olympics Idaho has been empowering this population, changing attitudes, fostering community building, and providing healthcare for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Idaho continues to provide year-round sports training, competition, outreach and health screenings to more than 2,600 people with intellectual disabilities in the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, around the world, thousands of people will be celebrating Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day by committing to perform Eunice Kennedy Shriver acts of inclusion and acceptance for and with persons with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Kennedy Shriver's love for all people, her belief in justice and her relentlessly energetic pursuit of a better life for all people with intellectual disabilities serves as an example for all of us, and for that reason we are proud to participate in honoring her memory in a way she would have enjoyed: a day of sports, fun and action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 to be

**Eunice Kennedy Shriver 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 24<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