



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, some 547 million Americans have disabilities which have resulted in many of them suffering the indignities of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, some 304,000 Idahoans have disabilities, which have also caused many of them to suffer the indignities of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1988, the Idaho Human Rights Act was amended to prohibit employment discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Act to provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities in the areas of education, employment, government services, places of public accommodation, commercial facilities and other vital areas of society; and

WHEREAS, it also is the purpose of this Act to provide clear, strong, consistent and enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and promoting full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to providing the most integrated, least restrictive environments for people with disabilities and their families to live in freedom and enjoy the promise of education, employment, effective communication, participation in their communities, culture and a way of life, and to have an equal opportunity to participate as active, productive and independent citizens in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize this date and to heighten public awareness of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as

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in Idaho, and do hereby reaffirm that the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed to their efforts to fully implement the ADA, and that the State of Idaho celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made to fulfill the promise of the ADA.



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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE