



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, since our country’s founding, brave members of our military have stood strong as one American team, ready to defend our homeland and safeguard the values for which we stand; and

WHEREAS, our military men and women represent the best Idaho has to offer, and serving alongside them are proud and loving family members – heroes on the home front; and

WHEREAS, America is stronger and safer thanks to military families demonstrating the highest form of patriotism, sacrificing cherished moments with their loved ones, persevering in the most demanding of circumstances, enduring hard separations throughout multiple deployments, suspending careers, balancing work and family while their loved ones are away; and

WHEREAS, children of military families work hard to keep up their studies and make new friends, despite frequently transferring from school to school; and

WHEREAS, military families stand beside our veterans, encouraging and uplifting them as they face the challenges of transitioning back into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is enthusiastically and unwaveringly proud and supportive of Idaho’s active duty military, National Guard and Reserve members, as well as veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Idaho greatly appreciates the resolute spirit and commitment that Idaho military families consistently demonstrate in the face of extended separations, frequent moves and financial hardships;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim 2016 to be recognize throughout the State of Idaho as

THE YEAR OF IDAHO’S MILITARY FAMILIES

to recognize and honor the tremendous commitment, sacrifices, courage and contributions that Idaho’s military families consistently demonstrate through appropriate public events, ceremonies and patriotic activities in our communities and private prayers.



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 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen 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