



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, the Idaho landscape was visibly altered 26 years ago this month by the 6.9 magnitude Borah Peak earthquake, which acted as a wakeup call for Idahoans regarding seismic risk and vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, scientific and historical evidence indicates the state of Idaho has the potential for large and significantly damaging earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life and damage to property can be greatly reduced if appropriate earthquake measures are taken before, during and after an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Geological Survey conducts earthquake hazards research and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security conducts mitigation actions and informs Idahoans of preparedness measures to lessen the effects of a major earthquake; and

WHEREAS, earthquake hazard and preparedness information can be obtained from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security and the Idaho Geological Survey, and this preparedness information should be studied and observed throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life and property damage during an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Idaho first responder and emergency management agencies continue to prepare for potential earthquakes through training, exercises, mitigation and public education; and

WHEREAS this year, as we observe Idaho Earthquake Awareness Month, we ask all Idahoans to consider preparing their homes and communities for earthquakes, and to recognize emergency management, research institution, fire department, emergency medical service, law enforcement and building code officials and the important role they play in public safety, everyday and in times of disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2009, to be;

### **Idaho Earthquake Awareness Month**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twentieth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE