



## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

WHEREAS, flooding is an annual event in Idaho, threatening life, property, and the economy and historical documents, and every county has experienced some instance of major or minor flooding; and

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life and damage to property and the economy can be greatly reduced if appropriate flood preparedness and mitigation measures are taken before and after flooding events, including the purchase of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program and adherence to prudent land-use planning; and

WHEREAS, emergency managers and floodplain managers in Idaho's counties continue to prepare for potential flooding through training, exercise, mitigation, responsible floodplain regulation, public awareness and public education; and

WHEREAS, the interagency Idaho Silver Jackets organization serves as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including flood awareness, outreach activities and preparedness measures to reduce the impacts of flooding and flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, flood hazard risk, vulnerability and preparedness information is available from local, state and federal partners and should be studied and observed throughout the year in order to reduce physical and economic injuries, loss of life and property damage during flooding and post-wildfire events; and

WHEREAS, we ask all Idahoans to observe Idaho Flood Awareness Week by preparing their homes and communities for floods, recognizing emergency management, fire department, emergency medical service, law enforcement and floodplain management officials, and the important role they play in public safety every day and in times of disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim and declare March 16-20, 2015, to be

## IDAHO FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty fifth.

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

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Denney".

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE