



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capital  
Boise

WHEREAS, flooding is an annual event in Idaho, threatening life, property and the economy, and history documents every county in Idaho has experienced some instance of 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, Idaho's county emergency managers and floodplain managers continue to prepare for potential flooding through training, exercises, mitigation, responsible floodplain regulations and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Silver Jackets – an interagency organization – serves as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including flood awareness and outreach activities, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, and flood and inundation mapping, while informing Idahoans of preparedness measures to reduce the effects 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 flood 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, academia, fire department, emergency medical service, law enforcement and flood plain 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 March 25-31, 2018 to be

## **IDAHO FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK**

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-eighth.



  
C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

  
LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE