WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the 911 communications centers in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers throughout Idaho have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim April 11 through 17, 2010, to be

**Telecommunicators Week**

in Idaho, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our state and citizens safe.

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 11th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred nineteenth.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE