



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, ground water is a limited resource in Idaho; and

*WHEREAS, clean abundant ground water is an essential resource of the citizens of Idaho;
and*

*WHEREAS, ground water supplies approximately 95 percent of Idahoans with the water they
use to meet their drinking water needs; and*

*WHEREAS, the agricultural community, private industry and businesses, and communities
rely on large quantities of high-quality ground water for economic prosperity; and*

WHEREAS, ground water can be vulnerable to contamination and degradation; and

*WHEREAS, ground water and surface water can be interconnected, therefore degraded or
reduced ground water supplies can adversely impact surface water uses including drinking water,
recreation, irrigation and power generation; and*

*WHEREAS, ground water is one of Idaho's most precious natural resources, it is appropriate
to set aside a special time to call upon all Idahoans, young and old, to learn about the importance of
ground water in their lives and to learn how they can protect and conserve our precious ground
water resource;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby
proclaim the week of March 9th-15th, 2014 to be*

GROUND WATER AWARENESS WEEK

*in Idaho, and encourage all Idahoans and visitors to make every effort to learn about, protect and
conserve our grand water resources in an effort to ensure a clean and safe supply of water now and
in the future; I also urge our citizens to recognize the value, importance and vulnerability of our
ground water resources.*



*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 9th day
of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and
fourteen and of the Independence of the United
States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth and
of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-
fourth.*

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE