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Governor's Proclamation Will Kick-Off Idaho's First Idaho Day Celebration

(Boise, ID) – March 4, 2015 marks the first official year of celebration of Idaho Day. In 2014 Representative Linden Bateman championed legislative action to annually commemorate Idaho Day on March 4th. Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter will help kick off and commemorate the first Idaho Day Celebration with a program in the Lincoln Auditorium in the Idaho State Capitol building. The ceremony is open to the public to attend; the celebration begins at noon. Celebration activities will include the Governor reading a proclamation and taking part in a group selfie with Boise School District students, student performances, and arts and cultural presentations. Idaho Public Television will be streaming the event live from the Lincoln Auditorium and can be viewed on IPTV's Legislature Live page of their websites.

The Idaho State Historical Society, along with a number of State agencies, counties, cities and community organizations, are participating in this year's Idaho Day Celebration, which includes activities and events that commemorate and celebrate our great state. Janet Gallimore, executive director of the Idaho State Historical Society, is excited for the years' festivities. "Idaho Day activities are empowering Idahoans to learn more about the historical and cultural roots of contemporary Idaho, as well as celebrate all that makes Idaho unique, majestic, and the place we love to call home. We hope that Idahoans will participate and create Idaho Day celebration in communities across the state." This partnership includes the Idaho State Historical Society, Idaho Department of Commerce & Tourism, Idaho Parks and Recreation, the Idaho Commission on the Arts, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Idaho Public Television, and the Idaho National Guard. A number of school districts from throughout the state are also taking part, including the Boise School District.

Idahoans across the state are encouraged to post selfies in the upcoming weeks of their favorite Idaho places, favorite Idaho foods, and the things they love about Idaho to their preferred social media site with the hast tag #myidaho

For more information about the Idaho Day Celebration on March 4th at the Idaho State Capitol call the Idaho State Historical Society at 334-2682, or go to www.history.idaho.gov/idaho-day.

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