



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, National Hepatitis Awareness Month will be held across the country and in Idaho in May; and

WHEREAS, viral hepatitis is a leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.4 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis, and most do not know they are infected; and

WHEREAS, the most common way to become infected with hepatitis C is through sharing injection drug needles and paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, people born from 1945-1965 (Baby Boomers) are five times more likely to have hepatitis C than other adults; and

WHEREAS, the best way to avoid hepatitis A and B is through vaccination; and

WHEREAS, with new exciting breakthroughs in treatment, many of the individuals with Hepatitis C could potentially be cured; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Hepatitis Prevention Program and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention promote awareness of viral hepatitis and encourage priority at-risk populations to get tested to improve the health of affected Idahoans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2015 to be

**NATIONAL HEPATITIS
AWARENESS MONTH**

in Idaho.



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 1st day of May 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.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE