Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

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Boise

WHEREAS, the Idaho landscape was visibly altered 32 years ago this month by the 6.9 magnitude Borah Peak earthquake, which acted as a wake-up call for Idahoans regarding seismic risk and vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, scientific and historical evidence indicate Idaho has the potential for large and significantly damaging earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Geological Survey conducts earthquake hazards research and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security conducts mitigation actions and informs Idahoans of preparedness measures to reduce the effects of a major earthquake; and

WHEREAS, earthquake hazard and preparedness information can be obtained from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Idaho Geological Survey, and this preparedness information should be studied and observed throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life and property damage during an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Idaho first responders and emergency management agencies continue to prepare for potential earthquakes and to enhance community resilience through training, exercises, mitigation and public education; and

WHEREAS this year, as we observe Idaho Earthquake Awareness Month, we ask all Idahoans to consider preparing their homes and communities for earthquakes, and to recognize emergency management, research institution, fire department, emergency medical service, law enforcement and building code 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 the month of October 2015 to be

IDAHO EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS MONTH

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 October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE