



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, throughout our nation’s proud military history, the courageous women of the American armed forces have served with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, women have served in all our nation’s major conflicts, often in extremely dangerous situations, even being taken as prisoners of war during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Storm and World War II; and

WHEREAS, women comprise almost 15 percent of our active duty forces, 19 percent of our Reserve forces and 15 percent of our Guard forces; and

WHEREAS, women no longer are excluded from serving in combat; and

WHEREAS, over 13,000 female veterans are living in the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the number of women veterans continues to increase, along with women veterans’ awareness of the benefits and services to which they are entitled as a result of their military service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2016 to be

IDAHO WOMEN VETERANS DAY

in recognition of the duty and sacrifices of Idaho women veterans who have served our great State and nation in the armed forces.

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 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.



Lawrence Denney

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE

C.L. Butch Otter

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR