



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, National Hepatitis Testing Day will be held across the country and in the State of Idaho on May 19th; and

WHEREAS, viral hepatitis is a leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplants and it is estimated 4.4 million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis; and

WHEREAS, many people are living with hepatitis B and hepatitis C without having symptoms or feeling sick; and

WHEREAS, people born from 1945 through 1965 are five times more likely to be infected with hepatitis C than other adults; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C testing is recommended for all people born from 1945 thru 1965, current or past injection drug users, those treated for a blood clotting problem before 1987, those who received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before July 1992, those on long-term hemodialysis treatment, those with have abnormal liver tests or liver disease, those exposed to blood through a needle stick or other sharp object injury, and those infected with HIV; and

WHEREAS, shedding light on the hidden viral hepatitis epidemic by raising awareness of viral hepatitis and encouraging priority populations to get tested can improve the health of affected Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Idaho Hepatitis Advisory Council observe National Hepatitis Testing Day in Idaho to promote the importance of awareness and testing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 19th 2014 to be

National Hepatitis Testing Day

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 19th day of May 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

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SECRETARY OF STATE