



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho and its citizens have vigorously supported the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects the right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Constitution reaffirms the people’s right to keep and bear arms and states that “No law shall impose licensure, registration or special taxation on the ownership or possession of firearms or ammunition”; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association ranks Idaho as a gun-friendly state whose laws are among the least restrictive in the nation; and

WHEREAS, both the Executive and Legislative branches of government make regular efforts to strengthen and expand Idaho’s gun laws to protect our citizens’ right to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Idaho respects the rights of private businesses to operate without burdensome government regulations and bureaucracy that restrict free market principles; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is home to a thriving arms and ammunition manufacturing sector that includes over two dozen companies throughout the state that are well-connected and support each other’s continued growth and success; and

WHEREAS, Idaho boasts a stable government, a history of reducing the tax burden on citizens, and predictable regulatory policies that are friendly to business; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has created an atmosphere where businesses can thrive, including some of the lowest business costs in the United States, access to key international markets, and a talented and motivated workforce; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho openly embraces companies in the arms and ammunition manufacturing sector to expand or relocate to the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2013 to be

IDAHO 2nd AMENDMENT PROTECTION MONTH

and encourage business leaders who are looking for a new location for their operations to become new corporate citizens in a state that will encourage their continued success.



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 6th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.

C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE