



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, the honey bee is critical to the process of pollination, with one bite of food in three benefitting either directly or indirectly from honey bee pollination; and

WHEREAS, segments of the Idaho agriculture economy are dependent upon pollination efforts of the honey bee; and

WHEREAS, honey bees face a significant threat from colony collapse disorder, disease, pathogens, parasites, environmental stress, loss of natural habitat, and inappropriate use of pesticides and herbicides, among other factors; and

WHEREAS, the honey bee works together with other bees in the colony as a single, vibrant, living organism that helps to maintain healthy ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and agencies including federal, state, universities, industry, commercial, and hobbyist beekeepers, and additional partners are working in cooperation to find ways to improve honey bee health and habitat;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2015 to be


**IDAHO HONEY BEE AWARENESS
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 the 30th day of July, 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


LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE