



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 threats from colony collapse disorder, disease, pathogens, parasites, and environmental stressors, and*

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

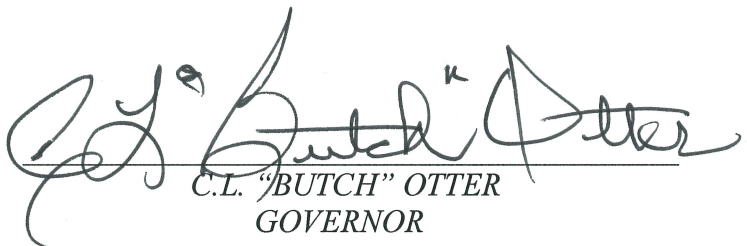
*WHEREAS, many individuals and agencies including federal, state, universities, industry, commercial, and hobbyist beekeepers, and additional partners are working in cooperation to find ways to improve honey bee health and habitat;*

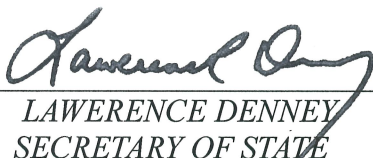
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim and declare August 16, 2016, to be*

## ***Idaho Honey Bee Awareness Day***



*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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 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.*

  
C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

  
LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE