

Executive Department State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Idaho's natural heritage, providing valuable aesthetic, economic and ecological contributions that make Idaho a special place to live; and

WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys amazing biodiversity, with a flora of more than 3,000 native plant species; and

WHEREAS, protecting native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting water quality, soils, and Idaho's natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, invasive species are a severe threat to our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim the week of April 24-30, 2016 as:

NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK

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 24th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen 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

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