



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, *entrepreneurship is vital to Idaho's growth and prosperity; and*

WHEREAS, *most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and*

WHEREAS, *according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people become independent entrepreneurs every day, joining more than 20 million self-employed Americans who make up more than 75 percent of the nation's 26 million businesses nationwide; and*

WHEREAS, *more than 70 percent of young Americans envision starting a business or becoming entrepreneurs as adults; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and*

WHEREAS, *a broad coalition of partner organizations in Idaho and throughout the United States is actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and*

WHEREAS, *encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Idaho's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and*

WHEREAS, *professional-technical student organizations offer an array of programs, activities and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and*

WHEREAS, *National Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim February 20th through 27th, 2010, to be

IDAHO ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK



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 15th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred nineteenth.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

A black ink signature of Ben Yursa, written in a cursive style.

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE