

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-12

**ESTABLISHING THE IDAHO COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION -
REPEALING AND REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-35**

WHEREAS, Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest suicide rates. In 2007 Idaho had the 11th highest suicide rate, 28% higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's suicide rate is consistently higher than that of the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for Idahoans age 15-34 and for males age 10-14; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, 307 people completed suicide in Idaho; a 22% increase over 2008, and a 40% increase over 2007; and

WHEREAS, suicide is particularly devastating in the rural and frontier areas of Idaho where one suicide significantly impacts entire small communities for years, even generations; and

WHEREAS, suicide attempts cost Idaho \$36 million annually; and

WHEREAS, suicide completion in Idaho cost \$861,431 annually in medical care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this state do hereby establish the Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention.

I. The Council's responsibilities shall be:

- A. To oversee the implementation of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan;*
- B. To ensure the continued relevance of the Plan by evaluating implementation progress reports and developing changes and new priorities to update the Plan;*
- C. To be a proponent for suicide prevention in Idaho;*
- D. To prepare an annual report on Plan implementation for the Governor and Legislature.*

II. The Governor shall appoint all members of the Council. The Council shall include representatives from:

- A. a representative from the Office of the Governor*
- B. representatives from the Idaho State Legislature*
- C. a representative from the Department of Health and Welfare*
- D. a representative from the Department of Education or School Districts*
- E. a representative from juvenile justice*
- F. a representative adult corrections*
- G. a representative from SPAN Idaho*

- H. a mental health professional*
- I. a representative for The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill or other mental health advocacy group*
- J. Suicide survivors*
- K. a representative from the Idaho Tribes*
- L. a youth representative*
- M. a representative from the Commission on Aging or aging services*
- N. a military member, veteran or a representative from Veterans Affairs*
- O. other members actively engaged in suicide prevention and awareness activities.*

III. Council members shall:

- A. Serve for a term of three (3) years.*
- B. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Council.*
- C. The Council shall meet in person annually.*
- D. The Council shall not exceed eighteen (18) members.*



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 27th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twentieth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE