

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO IDAHO DAY; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AND AMENDING CHAPTER
2 1, TITLE 73, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 73-108C, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL IDAHO DAY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. President Abraham Lincoln, having
7 signed the congressional act creating the Idaho Territory on March 4, 1863,
8 it is the intent of the Legislature to recognize March 4 as IDAHO DAY, through
9 which the people of Idaho may yearly celebrate the rich history, cultural
10 diversity, unique beauty and boundless resources of the State of Idaho
11 and thereby gain a renewed sense of courage and confidence for the future.
12 Throughout its one hundred fifty year history, Idaho has been the birthplace
13 and home of remarkable men and women who have distinguished themselves na-
14 tionally and internationally in the fields of law, literature, music, the
15 arts, athletics, philanthropy, politics and even space exploration. The
16 same combination of adventure, ambition, industry, innovation and enter-
17 prise that led to Idaho's founding has created a cradle for entrepreneurs,
18 innovators and visionaries. Their work has had a global reach and helped
19 create the Panama Canal, Hoover Dam, the Chunnel, potato chips and com-
20 puter memory chips, the supermarket, the engineering of wood products,
21 farm machinery and locomotives, the laser printer and enough patents to
22 rank Idaho among the nation's most prominent intellectual incubators. It
23 is the purpose of this act to provide the mechanism through which state and
24 local agencies of government, historical societies, schools, colleges and
25 universities, Indian tribes, service organizations, clubs, the media and
26 Idaho citizens in general can educate others about Idaho, her culture, her
27 resources, her history and her greatness.

28 SECTION 2. That Chapter 1, Title 73, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
29 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
30 ignated as Section 73-108C, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

31 73-108C. IDAHO DAY. March 4 shall be designated as Idaho day. If March
32 4 falls on a Sunday, the following Monday, March 5, shall be Idaho day; and
33 if March 4 falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday, March 3, shall be Idaho
34 day. The governor of the state of Idaho shall issue a proclamation each year
35 marking Idaho day. The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of
36 the house of representatives shall conduct appropriate ceremonies and pro-
37 grams on Idaho day to honor Idaho's heritage. The Idaho state historical so-
38 ciety shall conduct appropriate activities and be encouraged to create exhi-
39 bitions to commemorate Idaho day. The people of Idaho shall be encouraged to
40 display the Idaho and United States flags on Idaho day. Idaho day shall not
41 constitute a reason to close state and political subdivision offices.