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GOVERNOR OTTER TO SIGN CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Will Declare April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

WHO: The Governor of Idaho, C. L. "Butch" Otter, and the First Lady, Mrs. Otter, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund, the Idaho Child Abuse Prevention Coalition, and many other organizations will gather together to promote the awareness of child abuse and neglect.

WHAT: In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, Governor Butch Otter will proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Idaho.

WHEN: Monday, April 2
10:30 am

WHERE: Idaho State Capitol Rotunda

WHY: The number of child abuse and neglect cases in Idaho continues to rise. In 2005, there were 1,235 substantiated cases. In 2004, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported 1,153 new substantiated cases. In 2003, there were 921 cases, up from 861 in 2002 – nearly 34 percent increase from 2002 to 2004.

With increased awareness of child abuse and neglect, the state of Idaho can start making strides in prevention

NOTES: The following interviews will be available:

- C. L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho
- Dr. Jerry Hirschfeld, Administrator of St. Luke's Children's Hospital
- Dr. Mike Sexton, Medical Director of Children At Risk Evaluation Services
- Nancy Hausner, Executive Director of Idaho Children's Trust Fund

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