



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

State Capitol  
Boise

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that approximately half a million clostridium difficile infections occur each year that require hospital treatment or affect those already hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15,000 patients die within 30 days of the initial diagnosis of clostridium difficile infection; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that clostridium difficile has become the most common microbial cause of health care-associated infections in U.S. hospitals and costs up to \$4.8 billion each year in excess health-care costs for acute-care facilities alone; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five patients with a health care-associated clostridium difficile infection experience a recurrence of the infection and one out of every nine patients aged 65 or older with a health care-associated clostridium difficile infection died within 30 days of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, health-care facilities employ dedicated professionals who advocate for improving health and promoting patient and staff safety in order to minimize and prevent clostridium difficile infections through improved health practices, thorough hand hygiene, and environmental cleaning; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the education of health-care workers on proper infection prevention techniques is proven to reduce all types of health care-associated infections; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Idaho citizens is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2017 to be

**CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION  
AWARENESS MONTH**



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 first day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-seventh.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE