

Executive Department State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capitol Boise

Rod and Nancy Erickson Recognition Day

WHEREAS, Rod Erickson is an internationally renowned yodeler, entertainer, MGM recording artist, country and gospel singer, and songwriter; and

WHEREAS, Rod has performed with many legendary artists including Tammy Wynette, Marty Robbins, Bill Anderson, Mel Tillis, George Jones, Lefty Frizzel, Jerry Lee Lewis; Grandpa Jones, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Rod's 1971 recording of "She Taught Me How To Yodel" climbed to the top of the music charts in the United States, Canada and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Rod and his wife Nancy have resided in Idaho for more than 50 years, refusing to trade Idaho's quality of life and natural beauty for the bright lights of Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Rod Erickson has unselfishly made great contributions to the citizens of Idaho by performing countless benefit concerts for area non-profit, civic, and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rod has served as an unofficial ambassador for Idaho, sharing the "Idaho Story" and the numerous "Idaho Advantages" with audiences throughout the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Rod, a quiet gentleman and legendary performer, has made significant contributions to Idahoans of all ages through his incredible music; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho seeks to recognize Rod and Nancy Erickson for their selfless contributions to Idaho's heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim that August 31, 2011 to be

Rod and Nancy Erickson Recognition Day

in Idaho.

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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 31st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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