

Executive Department State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, on February 25-26, 1992, the population of the town of Khojaly in Azerbaijan was subjected to a massacre, resulting in the deaths of more than 600 innocent civilians, including many women, children and elderly; and

WHEREAS, the events in Khojaly are a sobering reminder of the terrible damage that can be inflicted in wartime and the enduring need for greater understanding, communication and tolerance among people around the world; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijanis living in Idaho and around the globe observe February 26 every year as a day of remembrance, honoring the victims of the Khojaly massacre;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2016 to be

## KHOJALY REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Idaho.



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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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