March 4th is Idaho Day!
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In 2014 the Legislature established March 4 as Idaho Day, to be observed each year with a proclamation from the governor, programs at the Capitol, and events and activities in communities statewide.

2016’s theme is “Idaho Heroes: Past or Present,” and everyone is encouraged to learn about and celebrate their favorite heroes, and to wear royal blue (a la our state flag). Idahoans can use Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to post favorite Idaho heroes and/or what we love about Idaho or Idaho history. Post using #myidaho, #idahero, and #idablue.

Last year, schools and libraries displayed Idaho-themed books, and held Idaho trivia quizzes, Idaho Rendezvous, and numerous other activities. Many school districts are already gearing up to take part in 2016!

The following resources are available to help with your Idaho Day celebration:

- **“Celebrate Idaho” LibGuide**: Find Idaho books, authors, digital collections, governors, and other notable Idahoans in this collection created by Idaho Commission for Libraries.
- **Idaho Citizen Resources**: Find links to watch the Idaho legislature “In Session,” a self-paced workshop about how news media works, and [STACKS] the online repository for Idaho state documents.
- **Guided Capitol Tour**: Book a guided tour with the Idaho Legislative Services Office using video teleconferencing equipment. The tour is designed for a legislator or tour guide to be located in the Capitol building while talking to virtual tour participants at your school or library.
- **Virtual Capitol Tour**: Guide students through each floor of the Capitol and its grounds without leaving school! This tour, created by Idaho Public Television, is online, on your schedule. Or find the virtual tour photos & videos for young students.
- **Idaho Historical Timeline**: Find information about some of the people, places, and events that made Idaho history! Idaho State Historical Society continues to add dates, vignettes, and images to this work-in-progress.
- **State Symbols Bookmark**: This printable color bookmark highlights Idaho’s state symbols. Find more state symbols at www.sos.idaho.gov/emblems.

What’s the Story? Look it up!
Boise hasn’t always been Idaho’s capital. Which city was? What happened? What are this city’s other major distinctions?

Celebrations nourish the human spirit and Idaho Day is a great opportunity to commemorate our past, appreciate our present, and aspire to an even better future.