

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING ALL IDAHOANS TO USE THE  
3 YEAR OF MARCH 4, 2012, TO MARCH 3, 2013, TO BE A YEAR OF PREPARATION FOR  
4 THE IDAHO TERRITORIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL AND TO PLAN COMMEMORATION AC-  
5 TIVITIES THAT WILL FOSTER A MORE MEANINGFUL EXPLORATION OF OUR TERRITO-  
6 RIAL ROOTS AND CREATE PERMANENT LEGACIES OF IDAHO'S TERRITORIAL SESQUI-  
7 CENTENNIAL.

8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the act creating Idaho Terri-  
10 tory on March 4, 1863; and

11 WHEREAS, March 4, 2013, marks the 150th anniversary of the creation of  
12 Idaho Territory; and

13 WHEREAS, President Lincoln's establishment of Idaho Territory came at  
14 a time of tremendous transformation for Idaho and our nation, when, within  
15 a remarkable nine-month period during the Civil War, he signed into law the  
16 Pacific Railway Act, issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and established  
17 the Idaho Territory, all three acts having a vital impact on the development  
18 of Idaho and the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, the territorial period in Idaho lasted for 27 years, until July  
20 3, 1890, during which time the geographical boundaries and the political and  
21 economic foundations for the future State of Idaho were established; and

22 WHEREAS, the territorial period witnessed some of Idaho's most signif-  
23 icant historical events that still impact the lives of Idahoans today, in-  
24 cluding the establishment of Boise as the capital city, the creation of pub-  
25 lic school districts, and the adoption of the state constitution; and

26 WHEREAS, it is proper at the time of the 150th anniversary of the cre-  
27 ation of the territory that Idahoans appreciate the territorial roots of  
28 contemporary Idaho and create lasting legacies for the future; and

29 WHEREAS, Idahoans today are proud of their storied history and demon-  
30 strate their continued spirit and perseverance in creating Idaho's future.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular  
32 Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of  
33 Representatives concurring therein, that we encourage Idahoans to use the  
34 year of March 4, 2012, to March 3, 2013, to be a year of preparation for the  
35 Idaho Territorial Sesquicentennial and to plan commemoration activities  
36 that will foster a more meaningful exploration of our territorial roots and  
37 create permanent legacies of Idaho's Territorial Sesquicentennial.