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Dear Friends,

On March 4, 2013, we will reach a significant landmark in Idaho history: the 150th anniversary of the creation of Idaho Territory. Please join us in commemorating this achievement by participating in the "Get Territorial: Idaho at 150" initiative, a grassroots effort among State agencies, communities, and individuals across the state to educate Idahoans about their heritage and commemorate the 150-year milestone.

President Abraham Lincoln signed the act creating Idaho Territory on March 4, 1863. The territorial period witnessed some of the Idaho's most significant historical events, which still impact the lives of Idahoans today – including establishment of Boise as the capital city; the creation of public school districts; and the adoption of the Idaho Constitution. This era produced the geographical boundaries and the political and economic foundations for the future State of Idaho.

It is fitting that on the eve of Idaho's 2013 Territorial Sesquicentennial, Idaho should reflect upon the accomplishments of those Idahoans, past and present, who have collectively formed this great State. Idahoans are proud of their heritage and demonstrate the spirit and perseverance that is shaping Idaho's future.

The Idaho State Historical Society has created a toolkit that will help you get involved with this initiative in your community. This toolkit and information about "Get Territorial: Idaho at 150" can be found at www.history.idaho.gov.

Thank you for your support and participation, and we look forward to commemorating Idaho's Territorial Sesquicentennial with you.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

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