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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Idaho State Capitol Trees now source of Statewide Commemoration

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The Idaho State Capitol Commission is pleased to announce that the public is invited to a Grand Rededication Ceremony on January 9, 2010 at 12 o'clock noon. "We believe the Capitol's Rededication Celebration is a major statewide milestone comparable to the Idaho Centennial Celebration in 1990. The re-opening of our century-old Capitol deserves a celebration and it is now time for all Idahoans to celebrate," said Sandy Patano, co-chair of the Capitol Rededication Celebration committee.

The commission has prepared a plaque and key for every Idaho county and city to commemorate the restoration, rededication, and reopening of the Capitol. The plaque is custom made from the wood of the historic Harrison Tree – an oak tree planted on the Capitol grounds in 1891, by President Benjamin Harrison.

In his letter to every municipality receiving the unique gift, Capitol Commission chairman Andy Erstad wrote: "This key serves as a reminder that, like receiving a symbolic 'key to a city', all citizens of Idaho shall forever hold a 'key' to their Capitol. The State Capitol belongs to all the people of Idaho - that is why it's called "The People's House" - and in this house of state government, everyone is welcome!"

The Idaho Capitol Commission hereby extends an invitation to all Idahoans to visit their State Capitol in 2010 and join in celebrating the restoration and preservation of this magnificent treasure.

To view a special invitation to the ceremony and learn more about the reopening please visit <http://capitolcommission.idaho.gov/celebration/>. For more information contact Commission Liaison Gary Daniel, at (208) 332-1971. *Twitter @idcapitol.*

