

Executive Department State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHERAS, Idaho is committed to the use of forensic science in the investigation of crimes, the prosecution and conviction of the correct perpetrators of crimes, and the exoneration of innocent individuals falsely accused of crimes; and

WHEREAS, forensic science service providers play a critical role in the pursuit of justice, truth, and public safety, and its advancements have significantly contributed to scientific conclusions for investigators and officers of the court that solve crimes and protect the innocent; and

WHEREAS, during this week, we honor and express our gratitude to the dedicated professionals working in forensic science laboratories, law enforcement agencies, medical examiners' offices, and other related organizations for their tireless efforts to seek truth and uphold justice; and

WHEREAS, forensic science service providers in Idaho partner with federal agencies to build and maintain criminal databases relating to latent prints, DNA, and other information relevant to criminal cases; and federal, state, and local agencies to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes the importance of fostering awareness and understanding of forensic science among its citizens, particularly the youth who may be inspired to pursue careers in this vital field; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho supports the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2024 to be

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



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 15th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-nineth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fifth.

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE SECRETARY OF STATE