

Executive Department State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, advancements in the field of forensic science have contributed significantly to the scientific conclusions of investigators and officers of the court - helping solve crimes and protect the innocent: and

WHEREAS, this week we honor and express 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, state, and local agencies to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, forensic science providers in Idaho play an important role in helping federal agencies to build and maintain criminal databases relating to latent prints, DNA, and other information relevant to criminal cases; 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 the National Forensic Science Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2023, to be

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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-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-eighth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fourth.

BRAD LITTLE

**GOVERNOR** 

PHIL MCGRANE SECRETARY OF STATE