

Executive Department State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans cannot read or write at the most basic level, while 62.7 million lack basic math skills and the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS, 101,076 working-age adults, ages 18-64, in the State of Idaho, lack a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for a career and college; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs in community colleges and the Idaho Department of Corrections offer low cost, high value programs, upgrading the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, our state celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign, which helps Idahoans learn about Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024, to be

ADULT LITERACY WEEK

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

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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 September 20, 2024, 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