



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, mental health impacts the wellbeing and quality of life of each Idahoan and is integral to building and maintaining a meaningful and joyful life and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is transforming and improving Idaho's behavioral healthcare system through the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare – Division of Behavioral Health Adult Mental Health Team provided services to 9,887 Idaho adults last year; and

WHEREAS, every Idaho county is a health professional shortage area for mental health and rural communities are particularly impacted; and

WHEREAS, health services contribute significantly to disease prevention and management and play a vital role in supporting state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, recovery and hope are possible for those living with mental illness and Idahoans and their family members deserve access to affordable care and treatment; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness about mental health conditions and substance use disorders decrease stigma and promote a culture of compassion and understanding; and

WHEREAS, providing access to mental health care supports the well-being of all Idahoans, enables individuals to be productive members of their communities, and saves taxpayer dollars by preventing unnecessary use of emergency services, and results in lives saved and brighter futures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2024, to be

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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 3rd day of May, 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-eighth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fourth.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE