



*Executive Department  
State of Idaho*

## *The Office of the Governor Proclamation*

*State Capital  
Boise*

*WHEREAS, rural communities in Idaho and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work because they are places where people know each other, listen to/respect each other, and work together to benefit the community; and*

*WHEREAS, rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and*

*WHEREAS, rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and*

*WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens is constantly evolving as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where 20-percent of the nation's population lives but where the majority of trauma deaths occur; and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care, rural hospitals are also typically the economic foundation of their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to offer more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho Rural Health Association and the Idaho Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021, to be*

## *National Rural Health Day*

*in Idaho, and I encourage citizens to honor our rural communities as wonderful places to live and work, and to recognize the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in those communities, and to recognize the Idaho Rural Health Association and the Idaho Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care for the valuable services they provide to address those needs and opportunities.*



*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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Denney".  
LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE