



*Executive Department  
State of Idaho*

*State Capital  
Boise*

## *The Office of the Governor Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, rural communities in Idaho and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – they are places where people know each other, listen to and 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 uninsured 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, rural hospitals, in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care, 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 17, 2022, to be*

## *National Rural Health Day*

*in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans to honor our rural communities as wonderful places to live and work.*

*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 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-seventh, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-third.*



  
BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

  
LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE