

Executive Department State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, flooding is an annual event in Idaho, often exacerbated by other natural hazard events that threaten life, property, and the economy, and history documents every county has experienced some instance of major or minor flooding; and

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life and damage to property and the economy can be greatly reduced if appropriate flood preparedness, mitigation, and resilience measures are taken before and after flooding events, including the purchase of flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program and adherence to prudent land-use planning; and

WHEREAS, county emergency managers and floodplain managers across Idaho continue to prepare for potential flooding through training, exercises, mitigation, responsible floodplain regulations, and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Silver Jackets, an interagency organization that informs Idahoans about measures to reduce the effects of flooding and flood-related hazards, also serves as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood hazard issues, including flood awareness and outreach activities, flood hazard monitoring, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, and flood inundation mapping; and

WHEREAS, flood hazard, flood risk reduction, vulnerability, and preparedness information are available from local, state, and federal partners and should be studied and observed throughout the year to increase resilience and reduce loss of life, physical and economic injuries, and property damage during flood and post-wildfire events; and

WHEREAS, we ask all Idahoans to observe Idaho Flood Awareness Week by becoming more resilient through learning how to prepare their homes and communities for floods and flood-related hazards and by recognizing emergency management, academia, fire department, emergency medical service, law enforcement, and floodplain management officials and the important role they play in public safety, every day and in times of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 2025, to be

IDAHO FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

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 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

PHIL MCGRANE SECRETARY OF STATE BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR