



Executive Department
State of Idaho

State Capital
Boise

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

WHEREAS, experts agree nutrition status is a direct measure of health and good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of healthcare institutions; and

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in many groups, including vulnerable populations such as hospitalized patients and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications impacting good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition; and
WHEREAS, more than two million hospital stays involve malnutrition per year and each day approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times higher hospital costs compared to the average cost of all hospital stays and readmitted malnourished patients have 22% higher hospital costs than readmitted patients with no malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times the mortality rate of all hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, twenty to forty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition which leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreases functional capacity, and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States.

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

MALNUTRITION 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 2nd day of July, 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-ninth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fifth.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRAW
SECRETARY OF STATE