



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital  
Boise

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, 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, nutrition is a human right and a social determinant of health, and malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, 32-54% of hospitalized adult patients have malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, the 30-day hospital readmission rate is 2.2 times higher than patients without malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, readmitted malnourished patients are twice as likely to be diagnosed with an infection; and

WHEREAS, 20-40 percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition; 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 14-18, 2026, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE  
SECRETARY OF STATE