



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is blessed with vast natural beauty, including expansive forests, woodlands, and grasslands, which are invaluable resources for our communities and vital habitats for diverse flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfires poses a significant risk to our environment, public safety, infrastructure, and economy, endangering the lives and well-being of our citizens, wildlife, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the importance of proactive measures and personal responsibility to prevent unwanted human caused fires and increase resilience to the effects of wildfire, safeguarding our communities, property, homes and lives; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and collective effort among government agencies, emergency responders, community organizations, businesses, and individuals are crucial to effectively prepare for, respond to, and prevent wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2023, to be the

**WEEK OF WILDFIRE
PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION**

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idaho citizens, organizations, and communities to take the following actions:

1. Awareness and education:
 - a. Raise awareness about the risks and impact of wildfires through public campaigns, community forums, and educational initiatives.
 - b. Promote responsible behavior regarding fire safety, such as proper campfire management, safe debris burning practices, and awareness of fire-prone areas.
2. Firewise practices:
 - a. Encourage residents, property owners, and communities to adopt Firewise principles, including the creation of defensible space around homes, proper vegetation management, and fire-resistant construction techniques.
 - b. Promote the regular inspection and maintenance of fire safety equipment, such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and fire alarms.
3. Collaboration and preparedness:
 - a. Foster partnerships among government agencies, firefighting organizations, and community groups to enhance coordination, communication, and preparedness efforts.
 - b. Conduct training programs and drills to ensure efficient wildfire response and evacuation procedures.

I urge all citizens of Idaho to join hands in implementing these measures, demonstrating our commitment to protecting lives, property, and our cherished natural heritage from the devastating impact of wildfires. Let us strive to create a fire-adaptive and resilient Idaho.




PHIL MCGRANE

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 22nd day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, 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