

Executive Department State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capital Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho wildland firefighters engage in highly dangerous work protecting millions of acres of private, state, and federal lands; and

WHEREAS, Idaho wildland firefighters protect communities, natural resources, watersheds, recreation opportunities, and the forest products industry, which plays an important part of the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Idaho wildland firefighters tirelessly put themselves on the line for days and weeks, living and working in dirt and smoke and against heat and flames; and

WHEREAS, Idaho wildland firefighters respond effectively to severe fire seasons that are increasing across the West; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Idaho wildland firefighters fought 413 wildfires on 142,022 acres under the Idaho Department of Lands protection, holding 88-percent of fires to less than 10 acres in size; and

WHEREAS, without this skilled workforce in Idaho we would not be able to combat the continued threat of wildland fire;

NOW, THEREFORE I, BRAD LITTLE, the Governor of Idaho do hereby declare July 2, 2022, to be

## Idaho Wildland Firefighter Day

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idaho citizens to join me in this special observance.

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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 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

LAWERENCE DENNEY SECRETARY OF STATE