Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, and costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing are estimated to be $62 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, on average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome; and

WHEREAS, communities historically lacking access to high-quality healthcare experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases; and

WHEREAS, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and

WHEREAS, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature", "Infection", "Mental decline", and "Extremely ill"; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors.

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

SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

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 30th day of August, 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-nineth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fifth.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE