



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

WHEREAS, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciatingly painful attacks; and

WHEREAS, gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and

WHEREAS, stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and

WHEREAS, heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2023, to be

GOUT AWARENESS DAY

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to actively 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 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

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE