The Office of the Governor

Executive Department
State of Idaho

Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Idahoans is the greatest priority of our state and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is committed to being as prepared as possible to respond to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the worldwide detection of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including in the United States, has progressed to a pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency exists to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which affects or has significant potential to affect national security; and

WHEREAS, there is risk to life and the continued operation of public infrastructure as a result of the potential for cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, other state agencies, and the local public health districts are expending resources to prepare for and treat cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), supporting healthcare system response, and addressing resource shortages through the use of supplies and equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) throughout the State of Idaho to reduce transmission and illness severity. The costs associated with facilitating the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) preparedness and response effort are expected to increase commensurate with the severity of the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has established a Coronavirus Working Group to aid in the many public health aspects of the incident; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Office of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center is coordinating resources across state government to support the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 46-1008 of the Idaho Code do hereby find and therefore proclaim and declare:

1. *That a state of emergency described in Section 46-1008, Idaho Code, exists in the State of Idaho.*

    a. *The plans and procedures of the State of Idaho Emergency Operations Plan are to be implemented.*

    b. *The nature of the emergency is the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).*

c. The area threatened by the emergency includes the State of Idaho.

d. The area subject to this proclamation shall include the State of Idaho.

2. *The state of public health emergency herein described shall exist for a period of thirty days unless terminated, modified or unless extended for thirty-day increments.*

3. *State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).*

4. *This proclamation serves pursuant to Section 46-1008, Idaho Code, as authorization for the resources of state government to assist in efforts to deal with the public health emergency of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Idaho.*

5. *State licensing agencies and departments are authorized to temporarily exercise enforcement discretion, implement temporary rules, and waive licensing and related requirements to maximize access to health care services and provider support in response to COVID-19.*

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 13th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-third and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred nineteenth.

Brad Little
GOVERNOR

Lawrence Denney
SECRETARY OF STATE