



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

*State Capital
Boise*

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho, founded and dedicated to the liberal arts by Dr. William Judson Boone in 1891, is the oldest private college in the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho has a tradition of educating many of Idaho's most accomplished graduates - including three governors, countless business leaders and innovators, 15 Marshall, Truman and Goldwater Scholars, and its eighth Rhodes Scholar, Kaya Evans, who will represent Idaho at Oxford University in England in the fall of 2023; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho created its distinctive PEAK curriculum, which challenges students to attain competencies in the four knowledge peaks – humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and professional foundations and enhancements – enabling them to graduate with an academic major and three undergraduate minors in four years; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho fosters a close-knit family where students enjoy small class sizes and genuine relationships with faculty; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho promotes a global mindset through the representation of more than 80 countries represented on its beautiful, residential campus, and a student body that includes nearly 20-percent of international students; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho was recently ranked first in the nation by the U.S. News & World Report as a Top Performer on Social Mobility, which evaluates schools on the ability to enable underrepresented students and graduates to advance their socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho's students, faculty, staff, coaches, alumni, parents, and friends are professionals and active public servants working to better the City of Caldwell, Treasure Valley, the State of Idaho, and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho continues to live its mission with an eye toward the future; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho is proud to promote the spirit of opportunity that led alumnus Elgin Baylor to begin his Hall of Fame basketball career at the College where he had the first opportunity to play on an integrated basketball team by working to create the Elgin & Elaine Baylor Opportunity Fund – a proposed \$25 million endowment that will offer full-tuition scholarships to 44 students with financial need from underrepresented populations; and

WHEREAS, The College of Idaho Yotes men's basketball team completed the season with a school record of 36 wins and just one loss and finished with a 36-game winning streak, the longest of any men's basketball program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the entire State of Idaho rejoiced when the Yotes won its second NAIA National Championship in school history by defeating Indiana Tech 73-71 on March 18, 2023; and

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

COLLEGE OF IDAHO NAIA BASKETBALL CHAMPION'S DAY

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 22nd day of March, 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.

A blue ink signature of Phil McGrane, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE

A blue ink signature of Brad Little, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR