



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, on Feb. 18, 1949, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission decided to build the National Reactor Testing Station (NRTS) in the eastern Idaho desert; and

WHEREAS, the NRTS earned national laboratory status in 1974, and, in 2005, was designated by Congress as the nation's lead nuclear energy research and development laboratory and renamed Idaho National Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, research conducted at the INL Advanced Test Reactor has helped power and modernize America's Nuclear Navy since 1967; and

WHEREAS, INL built and operated 52 original nuclear reactors and helped establish a nuclear energy industry that today generates 18 percent of America's electricity and more than half its carbon-free electricity; and

WHEREAS, INL leads the effort to maintain and extend the lives of America's reactor fleet while working with industry to develop and demonstrate advanced reactor designs, including small modular reactors and microreactors; and

WHEREAS, the INL National and Homeland Security directorate works actively with government and industry to protect the nation's most critical assets from man-made and natural threats; and

WHEREAS, INL is a leader in the effort to advance clean energy solutions: integrating renewables into the power grid, testing electric vehicle advancements, and optimizing bioenergy and hydrogen solutions that benefit the environment and our farmers; and

WHEREAS, U.S. policymakers, industry, and citizens are encouraged to support research to establish the clean energy systems needed to power our future while protecting our national and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, INL, with an economic impact of nearly \$4 billion and more than 6,000 employees, continues to be a major economic driver in Idaho.

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

**IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY
75TH ANNIVERSARY MONTH**

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 31st day of January, 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-eighth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fourth.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR