



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital  
Boise

WHEREAS, Nuclear Science Week recognizes the contributions of the nuclear science community and aims to educate the public on five pillars of nuclear science: carbon-free energy, global leadership, transformative healthcare, innovation and technology, and space exploration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is home to Idaho National Laboratory, the nation's nuclear energy research and development center; and

WHEREAS, research conducted at 52 test reactors on the INL Site helped enable America's commercial nuclear energy industry, which today produces nearly 20-percent of our nation's electricity and more than half our carbon-free electricity; and

WHEREAS, INL, as the state's sixth-largest private employer, is an important driver of the regional and state economies; and

WHEREAS, nuclear space and propulsion systems developed at INL are being used safely and reliably in scientific missions beyond our solar system; and

WHEREAS, INL research played a vital role in development of the nation's Nuclear Navy, which is essential to American national security; and

WHEREAS, INL's partnership with the State of Idaho, our public schools, and colleges and universities, is providing students vital access to STEM education programs and opportunities to be a part of the future workforce that will deliver safe, clean, and reliable energy to our communities; and

WHEREAS, INL, through the National Reactor Innovation Center (NRIC) and Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) initiative, is working with industry to produce the advanced nuclear energy technologies needed to power future prosperity while reducing carbon emissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2020 to be

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in Idaho, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of nuclear energy to our national security, economy, and environment.



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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

  
BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR

  
LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE