



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital  
Boise

WHEREAS, Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's local farmers, farm workers, and school nutrition professionals are key components of our state's vibrant food system; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers are trusted providers of a wide variety of agricultural products and lead the nation in the production of potatoes, barley, peppermint, sugar beets, onions, and dried edible peas. Idaho has more than 24,000 farms and ranches and produces more than 185 commercial agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, all of Idaho's nearly 500 dairies are family-owned; and

WHEREAS, Idaho residents have an increased interest in where their food comes from as well as in developing stronger regional and local food systems, expanding the number of local food opportunities for consumers and businesses across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's food, beverage, and agriculture sectors contribute more than \$20 billion to the state's economy annually; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Farm to School efforts involve state agencies, community partners, academia, farmers, and school food service programs across the state working together to lift up children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we should show our support and appreciation for our local food, beverage, and farming heroes and celebrate Farm to School Month.

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

### **FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH**

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 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-ninth, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fifth.

PHIL MCGRANE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR