



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capital  
Boise

*WHEREAS, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) such as abuse, neglect and serious household dysfunction or other events that cause trauma in children can have lifelong impacts on physical and mental health; and*

*WHEREAS, studies have shown that people who experience multiple ACEs are more profoundly impacted; and*

*WHEREAS, Idahoans have experienced four or more ACEs at a higher rate than much of the broader United States; and*

*WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences such as forming strong relationships with a trusted adult, experiencing belonging, and building coping skills to deal with stress in a healthy way have been proven to counter the impact of ACEs; and*

*WHEREAS, those experiences promote Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE); and*

*WHEREAS, Idahoans have shared value in ensuring the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our children;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim May 21, 2021, to be*

## **HOPE DAY**

*in Idaho.*



*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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.*

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GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE