WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program, administered by the Idaho State Department of Education, provides free, healthy meals and snacks throughout the summer to Idaho children and teens 18 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, during the school year Idaho children receive nutritious meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs yet those programs end when the school year concludes; and

WHEREAS, children require adequate nutrition all year long and the Summer Food Service Program provides a nutritious option for children struggling with food insecurity during the summer months. The meals provided through the Summer Food Service Program support continued development, physically and mentally, throughout the summer; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, the Idaho State Department of Education seeks to educate citizens about the Summer Food Service Program and the availability of free summer meals throughout the state to ensure all students have year-round access to nutritious, balanced meals; and

WHEREAS, this summer, Idaho children may participate in the Summer Food Service Program at more than 250 sites throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 5-9, 2023, to be SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM WEEK in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to actively 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 5th day of June, 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.