



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) was founded in 1899 by a small group of veterans who returned from campaigns on Cuba and in the Philippines and banded together to create a veterans organization that would advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, the VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active Guard and Reserve forces; and

WHEREAS, the VFW mission is to foster camaraderie among U.S. veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the VFW has been instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the national cemetery system, and the creation of every national veterans' memorial; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has played a vital role in virtually every significant piece of veterans legislation passed in the 20th and 21st centuries; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans honor the VFW's invaluable contributions to the veteran community in Idaho and around the world. We stand with the VFW to ensure veterans are respected for their service, receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's 125th anniversary is being observed on September 29, 2024, and this date shall officially be known as VFW Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2024, to be

VFW Day

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance and celebrate the VFW's 125th anniversary.



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 27th day of September, 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