

National Family Caregivers Month
Power of Care: Strength in Community
November 2025

WHEREAS, family caregivers play an essential role in the lives of individuals with chronic conditions, disabilities, and aging loved ones, offering support, love, and care that allows these individuals to live with dignity, comfort, and security; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and selflessness of family caregivers enhance the quality of life for those they care for, often sacrificing their time, energy, emotional and physical health, financial stability, and personal goals to provide care and support; and

WHEREAS, caregiving is a multigenerational issue in family life, impacting a broad spectrum of individuals with chronic illnesses and disabilities which necessitate family caregiving; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 children in Idaho are being raised in kinship families, where grandparents, relatives, and close family friends offer children permanency and improved well-being, and reduce dependency on the foster care system; and

WHEREAS caregivers, representing a rich tapestry of diverse experiences and backgrounds, experience unique challenges and barriers that can result in disparities while caring for a loved one; and

WHEREAS, the critical shortage of direct care staff has significantly impacted the ability of families to care for their care recipients at home and contributing to the ongoing public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 300,000 family caregivers each year in Idaho who annually provide 201 million hours of unpaid valued at an estimated \$3 billion in unpaid labor; and

WHEREAS, 70% of family caregivers in Idaho are employed and experience caregiving-related difficulties resulting in lost income for the caregiver and lost productivity to the caregiver's employer; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a solid support structure for family caregivers, including access to resources and respite care, takes a serious toll on the economic and social wellbeing of families, businesses and communities across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, caregivers across the lifespan would benefit from a state-led multi-sector planning initiative to connect public, private, and independent sectors to transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for those receiving care, their caregivers, and all Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, Family Caregiver Month provides an opportunity to honor, appreciate, and support family caregivers by raising awareness of the challenges they face, foster a community that supports caregivers by ensuring access to resources that can assist them, and promote policies that address the needs of caregivers and those for whom they care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, BRAD LITTLE, *Governor of the State of Idaho*, do hereby recognize November 2025 as National Family Caregivers Month in Idaho.