



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, the role of the ombuds originated more than 200 years ago in Sweden, designated as a government official charged with advocating on behalf of citizens with complaints or problems with the government; and

WHEREAS, today's ombuds are confidential, independent, and impartial conflict management professionals who work to address individual and systemic issues outside of and complementary to formal channels such as human resources, grievances, complaints, and legal action; and

WHEREAS, ombuds work in a wide variety of organizations within the State of Idaho and worldwide, including universities and colleges, governments at all levels, healthcare institutions, corporations, financial institutions, for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, the media, and international organizations; and

WHEREAS, ombuds programs provide a valuable form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and significant value to the constituents and institutions they serve, and are an essential supplement to formal conflict management processes that address allegedly inappropriate or wrongful conduct; and

WHEREAS, ombuds provide powerful risk management resources for the organizations they serve; and

WHEREAS, recognition of this day is an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of the profession, highlight the value ombuds bring to the organizations and constituents they serve; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the State of Idaho are encouraged to become familiar with the ombuds profession and the professionals in this role across sectors, and to make use of these services as needed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim October 14, 2021, to be

OMBUDS DAY

in Idaho, and I urge all Idaho citizens to join me in 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 30th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE