



The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and up to 6-percent of Caucasians in the United States carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 2020 to be

Alpha-1 Awareness Month

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Handwritten signature of Brad Little in black ink.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Lawrence Denney in black ink.

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE