



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

*State Capitol
Boise*

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-04

**DIRECTING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO
SUPPORT IDAHO SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION COLLECTIVE IN
MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTING THE
IDAHO SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Idaho is consistently among the highest states for number of suicide deaths per capita; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 387 people died by suicide in Idaho, a rate of 20.4 per 100,000 population; and

WHEREAS, the rate of death by suicide is particularly high in Idaho's rural areas;

WHEREAS, the Idaho Suicide Prevention Action Collective (ISPAC) was established in 2018 by the Idaho Suicide Prevention Council to develop and support implementation of a suicide prevention action plan for the state;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order that:

- 1. The Idaho Suicide Prevention Action Collective is established as a public/private partnership of stakeholders committed to reducing suicide in Idaho.*
- 2. The Collective shall:*
 - a. Promote suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention services in all regions of the State;*
 - b. Collaborate with the Department of Health and Welfare's Suicide Prevention Program as well as other public and private organizations to fulfill the current statewide Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan goals;*
 - c. Monitor implementation of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan and update the plan at least once every five (5) years to ensure relevance and effectiveness in promoting suicide prevention awareness and reducing suicide attempts and deaths;*
 - d. Collaborate with the Department of Health and Welfare's Suicide Prevention Program to provide an annual report on the status of Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan goals and accomplishments. The Department of Health and Welfare shall submit the report to the Legislative Services Office and Governor's Office by November 1 of each year;*
 - e. Operate in accordance with the mission and bylaws set forth by the Collective's Charter and Membership agreement.*
- 3. The Collective's membership will be appointed by the Steering Committee of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Action Collective. Membership may include, but is not limited to:*
 - a. A representative of the office of the Governor;*

- b. *A member of the Idaho House of Representatives;*
- c. *A member of the Idaho Senate;*
- d. *A representative of the Department of Health and Welfare Division of Public Health Suicide Prevention Program;*
- e. *A representative of the Department of Health and Welfare Division of Behavioral Health;*
- f. *A representative of the Department of Corrections OR Juvenile Justice;*
- g. *A representative of the Department of Education, a School District OR Institution of Higher Education;*
- h. *A representative of Veterans Affairs OR Veterans Services;*
- i. *A Law Enforcement Officer OR First Responder;*
- j. *A County Coroner;*
- k. *A representative of each of the five Federally Recognized Tribes located in the state of Idaho;*
- l. *A representative of a Hospital System OR Medical Provider;*
- m. *A representative of a Suicide Prevention Advocacy Organization;*
- n. *A Suicide Attempt OR Loss Survivor;*
- o. *Four (4) additional representatives of groups at elevated risk of suicide.*

Members of the Collective shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed by the Department of Health and Welfare for actual travel expenses not to exceed State of Idaho guidelines.

- 4. *The Collective shall receive administrative staff support from the Department of Health and Welfare.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 27th day of September, 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-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-fourth.

*PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE*

*BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR*