



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho was forever changed ninety-six years ago when Philip Eugene Batt made his entrance into the world on March 4, 1927; and

WHEREAS, Phil's call to public service inspired a storied career in politics, serving the good people of Wilder in the Idaho State Legislature as a Representative and Senator, becoming Chairman of the Idaho Republican Party, Lt. Governor and, finally, Governor; and

WHEREAS, Phil's legacy touched all corners of the state, ranging from his negotiation for the safe storage and removal of nuclear waste, to improved farm worker compensation, and the creation of the Commission on Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Phil was a talented musician who proudly played his clarinet alongside Lionel Hampton at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, with his Boise friends Gene Harris and Curtis Stigers at the corner of 10th and Main, and with visitors of the Idaho State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, years of onion and hop farming made Phil a stern fiscal conservative who famously cut costs for the State of Idaho by forcing a switch to thinner toilet paper; and

WHEREAS, the words "See Me" or "SIMI" on top of a memo would send chills running down the backs of Governor Batt's staff – unless it was on top of the custom wine labels he gifted them for Christmas; and

WHEREAS, the fate of Cecil Andrus' Cadillac is still unknown after Phil ditched it in favor of the more economical Ford Taurus; and

WHEREAS, all was good with the world when Governor Batt arrived with an armful of hotdogs for staff from Judy's Hotdog cart; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, on the occasion of his 96th birthday, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2023, to be

Phil Batt, Old Geezer Tightwad Day

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance by wishing him a very Happy Birthday.



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 4th day of March, 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-seventh, and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirty-third.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE