

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **IN SUPPORT OF BOISE COUNTY'S MILITARY CAREGIVERS IN COLLABORATION WITH IDAHO'S DAR AND HIDDEN HEROES**

**WHEREAS**, the series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 14.3 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2024 RAND study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing and caring for the injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

**WHEREAS**, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

**WHEREAS**, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and


**WHEREAS**, Boise County, in collaboration with the Idaho State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

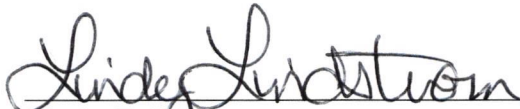
1. That Boise County announces its support of military and veteran caregivers in our communities.
2. That Boise County recognizes the unique challenges military caregivers face as they care for their veteran family member or friend.

3. That Boise County encourages government, organizations, employers and non-profits to be aware of the unique challenges of military and veteran caregivers and to create supportive environments and opportunities for assistance wherever possible.
4. That Boise County promotes the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's Military Caregiver Experience Map to understand the state of the military caregiver journey and uses it as a tool to encourage community understanding and support.
5. That Boise County encourages all who care for and support veterans and service members to extend that support to their caregivers.

ADOPTED by the County of Boise, State of Idaho, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024.



**Clay S. Tucker**  
County Chair



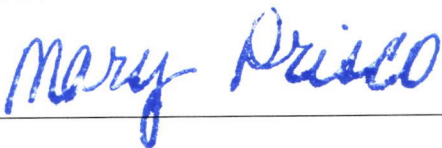
**Lindy E. Lindstrom**  
County Commissioner



**Bob Callahan**  
County Commissioner



ATTEST:



**Mary T. Prisco**  
Clerk to the Board