

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One

GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2021

WHEREAS, genocide is violence against members of a specific national, ethnic, racial, or religious group with the intent to destroy the group; and

WHEREAS, genocide continues to pose a threat to society as it dehumanizes violence on a massive scale against people based solely on their ethnic, national, or religious affiliation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember the genocides of the 20th century against Armenians, Jews, Rwandans, Cambodians, and Bosnians and call for an end to the ongoing conflicts that continue to occur in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about genocide is necessary in ensuring that all citizens recognize our collective responsibility to make the world a safe and more tolerant place for all people to live; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College is to educate and engage the public on the history of genocides and our civic responsibilities to embrace diversity. Their efforts are commendable and they are an invaluable resource to our local communities; and

WHEREAS, this kind of hatred and violence cannot be allowed, and as a society we should all strive toward acceptance and tolerance of all people, and embrace the differences between us;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 2021** as **GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 8th day of March, 2021.

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