

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Two

GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2022

WHEREAS, genocide is violence against members of a specific national, ethnic, racial, or religious group with the intent to destroy the group, and it continues to pose a threat to society as it dehumanizes violence on a massive scale; 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, education plays a key role in the development of a civil society and creating an understanding of the causes and consequences of bias, bigotry, and hate, and this begins with cultivating and modeling a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and other forms of group-focused hate and discrimination are incompatible with the fundamental principles of democracy, and when unchallenged can lead to genocidal momentum; and

WHEREAS, this kind of hatred and violence cannot be allowed, and as a society we must 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 2022** 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 5th day of April, 2022.

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Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

