

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK
MARCH 19-25, 2017

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome occurs in all people regardless of ethnicity or race, and affects approximately 400,000 Americans and 6,000 babies each year nationally; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the result of the presence of a partial or full extra copy of chromosome twenty-one, and is the most common chromosomal condition that alters the course of development; and

WHEREAS, people with Down Syndrome are at a much higher risk of diseases such as Alzheimer's, congenital heart failures, respiratory and hearing problems, as well as childhood leukemia and thyroid conditions; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with this condition can contribute to society in numerous wonderful ways and are capable of leading normal and productive lives despite the various medical challenges they may face; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome Awareness Week is celebrated in 34 other states as part of New Jersey's Light the Way Campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim March 19-25, 2017 as **DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 24th day of March, 2017.



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