

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2019

WHEREAS, April is designated nationally as Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability that can result in significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups, but is almost five times more common among boys than among girls; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 1 in 68 children has been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, although there is currently no cure for Autism Spectrum Disorder, research shows that early intervention services can improve a child's development and help the child talk, walk, and interact with others; and

WHEREAS, it is important to talk to a child's health care provider as soon as possible if there is concern that a child has Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 2019** as **AUTISM 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 21st day of March, 2019.



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