

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen

**FEBRUARY 2017 BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*WHEREAS*, Black History Month was created by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to highlight the contributions made to the history of our country that for years had been omitted; and

*WHEREAS*, African Americans have contributed greatly to the success of our country in society, business, government, and the arts and sciences; and

*WHEREAS*, the African American community has endured decades of struggle to be recognized as equal among our fellow citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, the African American community has persevered through hate and bigotry to stand up for their rights and the basic rights we are all entitled to – life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

*WHEREAS*, during February our nation takes pause to reflect on the injustices and struggles hardly fought and overcome by African Americans throughout our nation's history, and to pay tribute to the battles they have fought in the name of equality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **FEBRUARY 2017** as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire.

Given this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty one.



*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.

*Christopher T. Sununu*

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