

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 7-14, 2020

WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are one of the most frequently occurring birth defects and the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, more than one million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 40,000 babies are born in the United States with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions may cause sudden cardiac death in young athletes, and early diagnoses and routine screenings are essential for good health; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides a special opportunity to recognize families whose lives have been affected by this ailment, honor dedicated health professionals, and raise public awareness about congenital heart defects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **FEBRUARY 7-14, 2020** as **CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK** 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 16th day of January, 2020.

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