

*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

**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**  
**APRIL 24-30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment, and New Hampshire is fortunate to have an engaged and proactive community committed to ensuring that victims of crime know their rights and the resources available to them; and

**WHEREAS**, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors, and unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services, and participate in the justice process, and New Hampshire has an Office of Victim/Witness Assistance that provides Granite Staters with this knowledge so they know their rights and what to expect as they work through the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, a multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims—especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 24-30, 2022 provides an opportunity for New Hampshire to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime—especially those who are challenging to reach or serve—are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 24-30, 2022** as **CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire, and reaffirm our commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime throughout the year.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

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Christopher T. Sununu  
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