

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

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen

**DEAFNESS AWARENESS WEEK**  
**SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, deafness is the physiological loss or absence of hearing that impacts individuals from all walks of life regardless of age, race, gender or social and economic status and 48 million Americans have some degree of deafness or hearing loss; and

**WHEREAS**, deafness and hearing loss affects our families, friends, neighbors and co-workers in New Hampshire; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire is enriched by the diverse and vibrant deaf community and benefits from the contributions of the deaf and hard of hearing community throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire believes deaf and hard of hearing residents should have the same opportunities available to hearing individuals to live, work, play and communicate in New Hampshire; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Granite Staters work together to ensure the deaf community has full access to support and resources for participation in all aspects of community life; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Deafness Awareness Week is to bring awareness to help people gain a better understanding of deaf culture, recognize the achievements of deaf people, and learn about the support services and resources available to the deaf and hard of hearing community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2019** as **DEAFNESS 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



*Christopher T. Sununu*

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