

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK
MARCH 19-25, 2018

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome occurs in all people regardless of ethnicity or race, and affects approximately 400,000 Americans and 6,000 babies each year nationally; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome is the result of the presence of a partial or full extra copy of chromosome twenty-one, and is the most common chromosomal condition that alters the course of development; and

WHEREAS, during Down Syndrome Awareness Week we encourage all people with Down Syndrome to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations and become valued members of welcoming communities, and hope to empower them to carry this on in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with this condition can contribute to society in numerous wonderful ways and are capable of leading normal and productive lives despite the various medical challenges they may face; and

WHEREAS, March 21st is recognized globally as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day, and the State of New Hampshire is proud to join in the effort to bring awareness to this day; and

WHEREAS, Down Syndrome Awareness Week is celebrated nationally and is spearheaded by the efforts of the First Ladies of our nation's Governors to encourage inclusion and appreciation for all our citizens, and to remember that people with Down Syndrome are a valuable part of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR do hereby proclaim **MARCH 19-25, 2018** as **DOWN SYNDROME 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 21st day of March, 2018.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

