

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One

FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2021

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire recognizes the fact that it is every child's basic right to belong to a secure, loving, permanent family, and that it is the responsibility of all citizens and communities to ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of New Hampshire's children and youth; and

WHEREAS, a vital component to address this concern is the availability of competent and compassionate families, whether foster or relative, who can positively change the lives of children in need of a safe and nurturing environment until they can reunite safely with their parents or be adopted by loving families; and

WHEREAS, throughout our state, foster parents and relative caregivers open their hearts to children in need, and it is fitting that all involved with foster care be recognized this month for their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, permanency and well-being of children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, the Division for Children, Youth & Families, and partners are continuing their efforts to address the impact of parental substance use disorder and trauma on children, and to ensure that the services and supports are available to help children and families heal; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month offers the opportunity for the citizens of New Hampshire to recognize the valuable and essential service of foster parents and relative care givers who ensure our children are safe during the most difficult time in their life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 2021** as **FOSTER CARE MONTH** 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 29th day of March, 2020.



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