

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH
JANUARY 2020

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime that uses force, fraud, and coercion for the purpose of enslaving people in the commercial sex trade, labor trafficking, and involuntary servitude; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking endangers millions of people throughout the world and exploits vulnerable populations, especially women and children, and affects people of every age, gender, race, religion, and nationality in communities across our nation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is an injustice that denies people their freedom, dignity, and safety, and we must be vigilant to recognize the indicators of human trafficking such as when people act disconnected from family, friends and their day to day life; when they stop attending school or work; appear disoriented, confused or show other signs of mental and/or physical abuse; and appear submissive or fearful to another person demonstrating authority over them; and

WHEREAS, campaigns such as the Wear Blue Day campaign help support law enforcement and industry partners in their efforts to raise awareness about human trafficking and demonstrate the importance of knowing how to recognize and help those in need; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about human trafficking, remain vigilant that human trafficking can occur anywhere, and support efforts to combat this crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JANUARY 2020** as **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION 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 2nd day of January, 2020.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor