

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2020

WHEREAS, approximately 300,000 people in the United States contract Lyme disease each year, although only around 36,000 are reported; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease occurrence has been steadily on the rise across the nation, and New Hampshire had the fourth-highest incidence rate in 2018; and

WHEREAS, 36% of NH residents say they are at a low or no risk of contracting the disease, 3% of residents report having Lyme disease at the time of the survey, and 56% of people reported incorrect removal methods; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire and Tick Free NH and it's council have partnered together to raise awareness around Lyme Disease and encourage residents to protect themselves from tick bites, inspect themselves, children, pets, and properly remove any tick found; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the risks, prevention methods, removal and symptoms are key to reducing the incidence of Lyme disease in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 2020** as **LYME DISEASE AWARENESS 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 6th day of May, 2020.

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