

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000-400,000 people in the United States contract Lyme Disease each year, although only around 35,000 are reported; and

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease occurrence has been steadily on the rise across the nation, and New Hampshire had the second-highest incidence rate in 2016; and

WHEREAS, almost 40% of NH adults do not think they have a high or moderate risk of becoming infected with Lyme Disease, and 55% cited incorrect tick removal methods; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire and Tick Free NH and its 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 2018** 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 3rd day of May, 2018.



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Christopher T. Sununu
Governor