

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CIVIL RIGHTS DAY
JANUARY 20, 2020

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 recognized the importance of diversity, nondiscrimination, and freedom by prohibiting discrimination based on race in employment and education, and outlawing racial segregation in public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights states that “no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property nor deny to any person within the jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws”; and

WHEREAS, in New Hampshire, we embrace our cultural diversity and work diligently to ensure that all of our citizens can live by our state motto, “Live Free or Die”; and

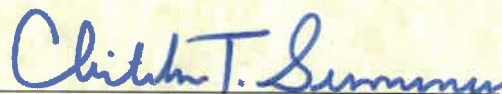
WHEREAS, New Hampshire’s Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day recognizes the work, spirit and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and helps us remember his many important inspiring words. One of his most famous quotes where he states “I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character” has resonated with countless generations and is the standard by which we should all aspire to; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was instrumental in working with many other civil rights leaders to raise awareness for those being discriminated against, and his words, work and actions have been emulated by citizens across our great nation who also work towards justice and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, events will be held across the Granite State to raise awareness for the important work done by Dr. King and other civil rights leaders, and the State of New Hampshire is proud to recognize the important and inspiring work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JANUARY 20, 2020** as **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CIVIL RIGHTS DAY** in the State of New Hampshire, and urge all citizens to recognize, encourage, and support the end of racial segregation and discrimination in their local communities and across the state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 9th day of January, 2020.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

