

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

WELCOMING SCHOOLS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, education plays a key role in the development of a civil society; in teaching students how to have constructive conversations within our schools and communities; in fostering an understanding of the causes and consequences of, and the means to prevent, bias, bigotry, and all forms of hate; and in cultivating welcoming communities that embrace diversity; and

WHEREAS, schools must cultivate and commit to an inclusive culture of belonging to ensure that all students feel safe and welcome, and can learn and thrive; and

WHEREAS, educators and school administrators play a critical role in creating positive learning environments; and

WHEREAS, racist, antisemitic, homophobic, and xenophobic incidents, and other bias-related and harmful and hurtful behaviors, have no place in our schools; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that educational communities are welcoming communities, schools must fashion clear practices and protocols that promote inclusiveness and civil discourse, prevent incidents of hate, bias, and bigotry, and respond effectively to such incidents when they occur;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 2023** as **WELCOMING SCHOOLS 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 31st day of July, 2023.

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