

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

A Proclamation

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

GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, genocide is violence against members of a specific national, ethnic, racial, or religious group, with the intent to destroy that group in whole or in part, and it continues to pose a threat to society as it dehumanizes and inflicts violence on a massive scale; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember the Holocaust and the genocides of the 20th century such as those against Armenians, Rwandans, Cambodians, Bosnians, and Rohingya people, and call for an end to the ongoing conflicts that continue to occur in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about genocide is necessary to ensure that all citizens recognize our collective responsibility to make the world a safe and more tolerant place for all people to live; and

WHEREAS, education plays a key role in the development of a civil society and creating an understanding of the causes and consequences of bias, bigotry, and hate, and this begins with cultivating and modeling a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students and community members; and

WHEREAS, intolerance, bigotry, racism, antisemitism, and other forms of group focused hate and discrimination are incompatible with the fundamental principles of democracy, and, when unchallenged, can lead to genocidal momentum; and

WHEREAS, this kind of hatred and violence cannot be allowed, and as a society we must strive toward acceptance and tolerance of all people, and embrace the differences between and among us; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 2024** as **GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens and urge cities and towns to observe this month in an appropriate manner, commemorating the victims of genocides and educating the public about the importance of preventing intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and national, ethnic, racial, and religious hatred and genocide against any group of people.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 27th day of February, 2024.

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Christopher T. Sununu
Governor