

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 18-22, 2013**

**WHEREAS**, Bullying is considered the most common form of violence in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, It is estimated that there are more than seven million incidents of bullying reported in public schools each year; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 160,000 school children stay home daily because of fear of being bullied; and

**WHEREAS**, Bullying can have dire and sometimes tragic consequences for victims and bullies alike; and

**WHEREAS**, The rate of reported bullying and cyber-bullying increased among 12 to 18-year olds by at least 25 percent over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimated 35 percent of adult American workers experience some form of workplace bullying;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 18-22, 2013** as **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and ask all citizens, schools, businesses, and organizations to observe the week with appropriate activities and educational events that promote bullying awareness, prevention, and intervention.

Given this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

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Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor