

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

A Proclamation

LET FREEDOM RING DAY
AUGUST 28, 2013

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired millions of people of all races, religions, and nations with his magnificent dream of brotherhood and sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King said, “Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King urged people struggling for freedom and human rights everywhere to embrace and practice the philosophy and methods of nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King challenged freedom-loving people everywhere to “conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline” and “rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King called us to affirm his mighty dream, “a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed – we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King urged us to embrace faith, “with this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope” and “we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s dream continues to provide a powerful testament of hope and healing, which can build new bridges of understanding, cooperation and goodwill between diverse peoples; and

WHEREAS, 50 years after Dr. King delivered his great oration, his immortal dream lives on with renewed vibrancy in the hearts and souls of people of good will of all races, religions and nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **AUGUST 28, 2013** as **LET FREEDOM RING DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all citizens, institutions, and organizations to join in commemorating Dr. King’s dream by ringing bells throughout the State at 3:00 p.m., in keeping with his challenge to “Let Freedom Ring” all across America.

Given this 23th day of August, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor