

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

**NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY DAY**  
**MAY 21, 2013**

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Primary has played a proud and important role in selecting the President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Primary has its roots in the Bullock Act, passed by both houses of the New Hampshire Legislature and signed into law by Governor Sam Felker 100 years ago on May 21, 1913; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bullock Act gave Granite Staters a direct vote for national party convention delegates, leading to New Hampshire's First In The Nation Presidential Primary; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Primary's First In The Nation status is an important and historic distinction enshrined in New Hampshire law; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire's history of democratic participation at every level has meant that Granite State citizens are among the most politically engaged and knowledgeable voters in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Primary is a quintessential New Hampshire tradition that captures the essence of community involvement, rugged individualism, and dedicated hard work of our people; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Primary proudly demonstrates to the nation and the world the strength of our people and our robust citizen-led democracy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 21, 2013** as **NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all residents to celebrate this essential aspect of our state's history and to continue to embrace the importance of their civic duties.

Given this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-seven.

Margaret Wood Hassan  

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Governor