

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

*A Proclamation*

**A DAY TO END  
CHILDHOOD HOMELESSNESS  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, Every year, an average of one in 45 American children, a total of 1.6 million children, experience homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, In New Hampshire alone, the number of homeless school-aged children rose eight percent in 2013, meaning that 3,417 New Hampshire children were attending school during the day, but did not have a home to return to at night; and

**WHEREAS**, Children who experience homelessness are more likely to have developmental delays, learning disabilities, as well as emotional and behavioral problems, and they are more likely to be asked to repeat a grade; and

**WHEREAS**, All children deserve the ability to lead healthy, happy, and productive lives, which starts with a home, as safe housing is the basis for optimal growth and development, an important determinant of health status, and can improve children's educational achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Families in Transition provides a solution for a portion of these children by providing housing and services to more than 200 children in greater Manchester, Dover, and Concord, New Hampshire, each year. While Families in Transition and other organizations within New Hampshire are dedicated to providing innovative intervention strategies, we as a community must commit to work for a New Hampshire where all children are safe, housed, and able to grow into healthy and productive adults; and

**WHEREAS**, The I AM ONE event, organized by Families in Transition, provides an opportunity for the people of the Granite State to recognize this growing issue and commit to ending child homelessness in New Hampshire;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**, as **A DAY TO END CHILDHOOD HOMELESSNESS** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents to support individuals and organizations committed to this cause.

Given this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-nine.

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Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor