

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

**PRESCRIPTION OPIOID AND HEROIN EPIDEMIC  
AWARENESS WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2016**

**WHEREAS,** The heroin and opioid epidemic is the most pressing public health and safety challenge facing the state of New Hampshire; and

**WHEREAS,** This epidemic is devastating families, communities, and businesses in our state and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** New Hampshire has focused on a comprehensive approach to support law enforcement and strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts, but there is more work to do; and

**WHEREAS,** The bravery of those in recovery and families who have lost loved ones must be marked by continued action; and

**WHEREAS,** We must all continue to work together in communities, with those on the front lines, and at all levels of government to stem and ultimately reverse the tide of this epidemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2016**, as **PRESCRIPTION OPIOID AND HEROIN EPIDEMIC AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all citizens of the State of New Hampshire to reaffirm our commitment to combating the heroin and opioid epidemic and to continue strengthening efforts to support those battling addiction.

Given this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

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Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor