

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH
NOVEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, nationally one in thirty youth ages 13-18 will experience homelessness each year; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 New Hampshire Youth Count found that of 1,476 youth and young adult respondents, 46% indicated they are unstably housed and 8% reported being unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Youth Count further found that of 495 college student respondents, 42% reported being unstably housed; and

WHEREAS, youth homelessness is an adverse childhood experience that impacts brain, social and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, infants experiencing homelessness are at a higher risk for certain illnesses and health conditions, and families experiencing homelessness are more likely to experience involvement in the child welfare system and difficulty with school attendance; and

WHEREAS, youth who experience homelessness are more likely to experience homelessness in adulthood and need immediate services to ensure safe, stable housing, resources and support; and

WHEREAS, awareness of child, youth, and young adult homelessness must be heightened to encourage greater support for effective programs and resources to help youth and young adults overcome homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 2023** as **RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 27th day of October, 2023.



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