

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

*A Proclamation*

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

**CHILDREN & TEENS' GRIEF AWARENESS MONTH**  
**NOVEMBER 2024**

*WHEREAS*, the State of New Hampshire acknowledges the challenges that children, teens, and families encounter as they courageously navigate the journey of grieving the death of a loved one; and

*WHEREAS*, grief is a natural response to death, and in New Hampshire 1 in 12 children, more than 20,000 children, will experience the tragedy of the death of a parent, sibling, friend, or loved one by age 18 and by age 25 that number doubles; and

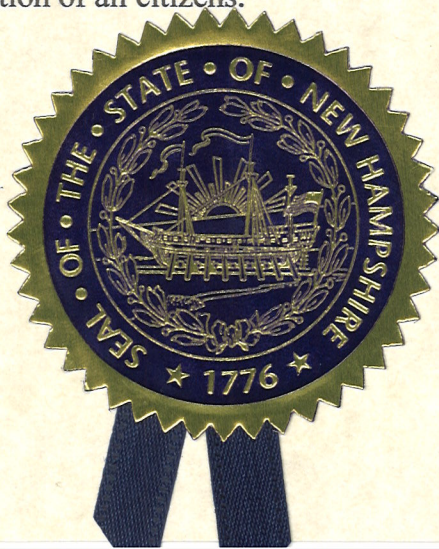
*WHEREAS*, children and adolescents who are grieving often face significant challenges in understanding and processing their emotions, and family members may not possess the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively support them during this complicated time in their life; and

*WHEREAS*, Friends of Aine is the only organization in New Hampshire whose sole mission is to support grieving children, teens, and families and is dedicated to the belief that no child should grieve alone; and

*WHEREAS*, Children and Teens Grief Awareness Month is focused on enhancing public understanding and raising awareness of the unique needs of grieving children and teenagers and to educate individuals about the resources available to support those affected by the death of a loved one; and

*WHEREAS*, New Hampshire is committed to cultivating a compassionate environment that embraces grieving children, teens, and their families, ensuring they feel understood and supported while providing essential resources and tools for their healing journey;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR* of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 2024** as **CHILDREN & TEENS' GRIEF AWARENESS 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

*Chituh T. Sununu*

Christopher T. Sununu

Governor