

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

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK
JANUARY 15-21, 2024

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and

WHEREAS, every 21 seconds, a fire department in the United States responded to a fire somewhere in the nation in 2022, causing an estimated \$18 billion in property damage. Among fires that caused civilian injuries, nationally and in New Hampshire, three quarters were related to fires that occurred in the home. Fires in New Hampshire were responsible for over 100 reported civilian injuries from 2020-2023; and

WHEREAS, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 66% of total call volume in New Hampshire. They were called to over 338,000 medical calls from 2020-2022; and

WHEREAS, the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service. The goal of CRR is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and

WHEREAS, many fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction Week is a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JANUARY 15-21, 2024** as **COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK** 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 8th day of January, 2024.

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