

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

A Proclamation

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
NOVEMBER 18-22, 2013**

WHEREAS, Bullying is considered the most common form of violence in our society;
and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are more than seven million incidents of bullying reported in public schools each year; and

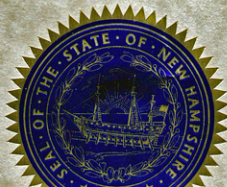
WHEREAS, An estimated 160,000 school children stay home daily because of fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, Bullying can have dire and sometimes tragic consequences for victims and bullies alike; and

WHEREAS, The rate of reported bullying and cyber-bullying increased among 12 to 18-year olds by at least 25 percent over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 35 percent of adult American workers experience some form of workplace bullying;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 18-22, 2013** as **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and ask all citizens, schools, businesses, and organizations to observe the week with appropriate activities and educational events that promote bullying awareness, prevention, and intervention.



Given this 28th day of August, in the year of
Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the
independence of the United States of
America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Maggie Hassan