

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen

SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, Sepsis is the body’s overwhelming response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, amputations and death, and Sepsis can start with a simple thing like an infection from a paper cut or bug bite, or from pneumonia or a urinary tract infection; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, Sepsis takes more lives than opioids, breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. Every 2 minutes, someone in the US dies of Sepsis; and

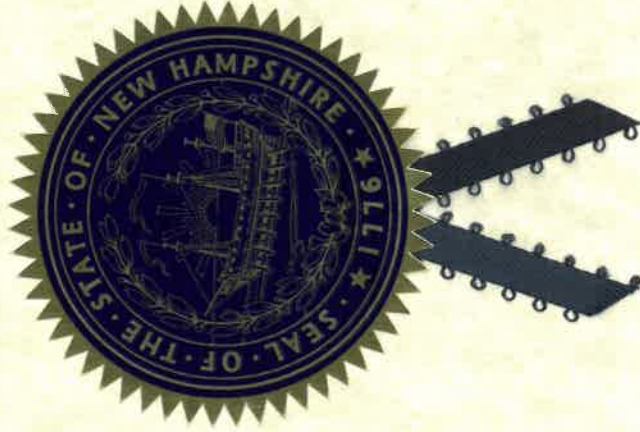
WHEREAS, while Sepsis is more likely to affect very young children, older adults, people with chronic illness and those with weakened immune systems. It is an equal opportunity killer, affecting people of all ages and levels of health; and

WHEREAS, everyone should know the signs of Sepsis by using the acronym **TIME**: **T** for temperature that is higher or lower than normal; **I** for signs and symptoms of infection; **M** for mental decline such as being confused, sleepy or difficult to rouse; and **E** for extremely ill with pain, discomfort or “feeling like I might die”: and

WHEREAS, a combination of these symptoms requires immediate medical attention by going to the nearest hospital or calling 911 and saying “I am concerned about Sepsis”; and

WHEREAS, Sepsis can be prevented by staying current with vaccinations, practicing good hygiene and seeking medical help when an infection is suspected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 2019** as **SEPSIS 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 16th day of August, 2019.

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