

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

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen

**ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (ALPHA-1)  
AWARENESS MONTH  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations and ethnic groups, and it is estimated that about 1 in every 25,00 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER, 2018** as **ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (ALPHA-1) 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2018.

*Christopher T. Sununu*

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