

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

A Proclamation

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

HIRE A VETERAN DAY
JULY 25, 2023

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 individuals transition out of military service and return to civilian life and employment every year, 2,400 of whom choose New Hampshire as a place to stay, work, play, and learn; and

WHEREAS, there are 43,500 working-age veterans in New Hampshire, and only 36,500 of whom are in the workforce. These veterans bring work experience and valuable skills to the workplace such as leadership, decision making, dependability, and attention to detail, as well as technical skills that are often in high demand; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 of New Hampshire's employers have been recognized as veteran-friendly businesses for their continued efforts to honor, fortify, empower, and positively impact the lives of service members, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, many veterans returning to civilian life choose the path of entrepreneurship, and of those more than half (56%) believe that entrepreneurship helped them to find a purpose after their military service; and

WHEREAS, the Granite State has more than 2,700 veteran-owned businesses representing nearly one-tenth of all New Hampshire businesses with paid employees and collectively employing more than 17,600 workers, nearly 3% of NH's total workforce; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Departments of Military Affairs and Veterans Services and Employment Security stand ready to serve New Hampshire Service Members, veterans, their families, and local communities to collaborate with employers and military and civilian organizations to promote meaningful and skill-appropriate employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hire a Veteran Day is a call to action for New Hampshire employers to consider hiring veterans for the unique leadership skills, work ethic, experience, and character traits they can bring as employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JULY 25, 2023** as **HIRE A VETERAN DAY** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this day 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 28th day of June, 2023.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

