

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

FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY
MAY 7, 2024

WHEREAS, illicit fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times stronger than heroin and morphine, and a dose of illicit fentanyl the size of a few grains of salt can be lethal; and

WHEREAS, illicit fentanyl is often found to be mixed with other illicit substances and is also now regularly seen in fake pills branded as Oxycodone and Percocet among others, but these pills often only contain filler and fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, about 6 out of 10 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, illicit fentanyl use is widespread and deadly, and poses a significant public health risk here in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, there were 431 overdose deaths and others pending toxicology results in New Hampshire in 2023 from substances where a majority have fentanyl present; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire is bringing awareness to the “No Safe Experience,” campaign, which is focused on educating youth, young adults and families of the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl in fake pills and illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire joins all those who have been affected by fentanyl misuse in spreading awareness of the harm that fentanyl can cause, that resources are available for loved ones dealing with substance misuse, and reminds all Granite Staters there is No Safe Experience when consuming any drugs that have not been prescribed by a medical provider and taken by the person they were prescribed to as directed by a healthcare professional;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim MAY 7, 2024 as FENTANYL AWARENESS 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 3rd day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor