

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

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK
MAY 22-26, 2023

WHEREAS, each year, New Hampshire faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs, and

WHEREAS, predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages New Hampshireites to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in New Hampshire, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Granite Staters about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Hampshire are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 22-26, 2023** as **CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and call this to the attention of all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2023.



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

