

*The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor*

A Proclamation

**WEATHERIZATION DAY
OCTOBER 30, 2013**

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire recognizes the challenges faced by low-income families and individuals in meeting home energy needs and has long worked to help address these challenges; and

WHEREAS, Low-income families in New Hampshire spend a disproportionately high percentage of their annual income on home energy bills; and

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire Weatherization Assistance Program, administered by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, in cooperation with the Community Action Agencies serving the entire State, has reduced energy costs and provided increased comfort for elderly citizens, households with individuals who experience disabilities, families with children, and households with high energy burdens; and

WHEREAS, The Weatherization Assistance Program also saves lives and improves the health, safety and comfort of families by identifying carbon monoxide hazards, poor indoor air quality, mold, and other health threats; and

WHEREAS, For every dollar invested in weatherizing a low-income home, more than \$2.50 is returned to ratepayers, households, and communities in reduced energy bills, lowered costs of programs such as fuel assistance, increased local employment, reduced uncollectible utility bills, improved housing quality, and lowered medical costs from improved health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Weatherization Assistance Program not only assists families working toward self-sufficiency, but also contributes more broadly to the improvements and economic progress of New Hampshire communities and adds to the Nation's energy security by investing in long-term energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's Weatherization Assistance Program, over the last three and a half years, has trained new building professionals in state-of-the-art weatherization and energy-auditing techniques, created new jobs, and has supported private-sector growth by providing contracting opportunities with Community Action Agencies and electric and gas utilities to implement weatherization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 30, 2013**, as **WEATHERIZATION DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and applaud state and local weatherization professionals as they provide a hand-up and a long-term investment in residential energy efficiency to low-income individuals, senior citizens, and working poor families struggling to afford heating expenses.

Given this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

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Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

