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## **WEATHERIZATION DAY PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas**, the State of New Hampshire has a long-standing commitment to its communities and has long recognized the challenge of low-income families and individuals in meeting increasingly burdensome home energy needs; and

**Whereas**, the United States Department of Energy developed the Weatherization Assistance Program in 1976 as a cost-effective, permanent solution for reducing the heavy energy costs borne by low-income Americans; and

**Whereas**, this Program not only saves energy through advanced technologies to improve the energy affordability for low-income families, but also saves lives and improves the health and safety 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, \$2.51 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**, New Hampshire has reached its goal of weatherizing 2,600 single-family, multi-family, and mobile home dwellings and is expected to weatherize an additional 500 over the three-year period covered by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

**Whereas**, New Hampshire's weatherization program, over the last two and a half years has trained over 160 building professionals in state-of-the-art weatherization and energy auditing techniques, and created approximately 200 new jobs

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011** as **Weatherization Day** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all citizens to join me in this observance.