

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

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen

**NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CENTER DAY
MARCH 21, 2018**

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center is celebrating the second annual National SBDC Day, along with sixty-one Small Business Center counterparts across the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center is an outreach program of the University of New Hampshire's Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, and a cooperative venter of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State of New Hampshire's Department of Business and Economic Affairs' Division of Economic Development, the University of New Hampshire, and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center has provided, since 1984, expert business advising to over 27,000 New Hampshire entrepreneurs at no cost, and helped New Hampshire residents start over 2,000 businesses and create nearly 7,500 jobs across all regions of the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center has provided educational content, both online and in-person, to more than 66,000 individuals, including over 14,000 no-cost online courses taken by business owners since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center achieved a record 2017, helping 851 NH entrepreneurs create 465 jobs (the highest annual total since 1999) and retain 133 jobs; start 84 businesses (the highest total since 2003), raise \$18.3 million in capital infusion, and increase revenue by \$14.5 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim MARCH 21, 2018 as **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER 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 12th day of March, 2018.

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