

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

Homeless Memorial Day December 21, 2007

Whereas, adequate housing is essential for health families and communities; and

Whereas, the combination of soaring housing costs and a shortage of affordable rental and single family housing stock has led to housing becoming increasingly inaccessible to a number of New Hampshire residents, many of whom are working full-time; and

Whereas last year 6,435 people, were housed in the state's shelters and one in five of these were children; 9,634 people were turned away for lack of an available bed; and

Whereas, untold numbers of homeless families are living with relatives or friends; and

Whereas, each year too many people die alone in the cold; and

Whereas, December 21, 2007 marks the 17th annual National Homeless Memorial Day;

Now, therefore, I, John Lynch, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2007 as Homeless Memorial Day in New Hampshire, and urge all citizens to work together so that all of us have at least basic shelter.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 18th day of December, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seven, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-two.

John H. Lynch, Governor