

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

**BONE AND JOINT AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2006**

WHEREAS, The burden of musculoskeletal (bone and joint) disorders such as arthritis, back pain, childhood musculoskeletal conditions, osteoporosis, and major limb trauma, pose a significant and increasing burden on many New Hampshire citizens; and


WHEREAS, Orthopedic surgeons, rheumatologists, physiatrists, physical therapists, chiropractors, osteopaths, athletic trainers, nurses, occupational therapists, and medical and patient health associations are joining together to advance the understanding and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders through prevention, education and research; and

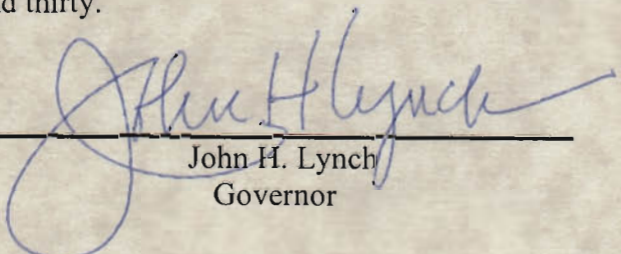
WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal conditions adversely affect the occupational and social lives of millions of people, including one in every seven Americans; and

WHEREAS, The more patients with a musculoskeletal condition learn about treatment options, the better able they are to work with their healthcare professional in determining the best course of action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **October 2006** as **Bone and Joint Awareness Month** in New Hampshire to promote awareness about and prevention of musculoskeletal conditions.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 19th day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and six, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty.





John H. Lynch
Governor