

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

**WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE
AWARENESS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2011**

WHEREAS, Native wildlife populations are an integral part of New Hampshire's natural environment and serve as an indicator of the overall health of New Hampshire's ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on the road; and

WHEREAS, The average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion annually; and

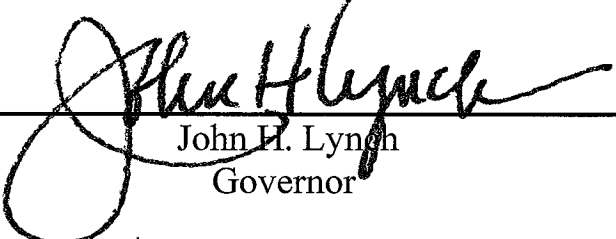
WHEREAS, The success of wildlife movement and survival in New Hampshire remains dependent on continued public education and an increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in New Hampshire. Wildlife awareness helps to keep drivers safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2011** as **WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE WEEK** in New Hampshire and urge all citizens to be more vigilant of wildlife.

Given this 13th day of September, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-six.




John H. Lynch
Governor