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Governor Hassan Joins Law Enforcement Officials at Manchester Police Department to Proclaim Red Ribbon Week

MANCHESTER – Highlighting law enforcement's leadership in combating the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis and saving lives, Governor Maggie Hassan today joined law enforcement officials at Manchester Police Department to proclaim October 23-30, 2016, as Red Ribbon Week in New Hampshire.

"The leadership of New Hampshire's law enforcement officials and their federal partners is critical to our comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis and help save lives," Governor Hassan said. "As this horrible crisis continues to devastate families, communities and businesses across the state, we must continue working together every single day to support law enforcement and strengthen prevention, treatment and recovery efforts. Throughout Red Ribbon Week, I urge all citizens of the State of New Hampshire to reaffirm our commitment to supporting our dedicated law enforcement officers who are battling this epidemic on the front lines as we continue working together to stem – and reverse – the tide of this crisis."

Red Ribbon Week is a nationally recognized event commemorating the life of Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent who was killed in the line of duty in 1985. Throughout the week, communities across the country honor his life by promoting the red ribbon, which represents substance misuse prevention.

Governor Hassan has focused on supporting law enforcement as part of her comprehensive strategy to combat the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis in New Hampshire, including [signing a bipartisan measure earlier this year expanding Operation Granite Hammer statewide](#) to support state and local law enforcement and continued collaboration with the DEA in combating the heroin and opioid crisis.

Last fall, [Governor Hassan announced two state grants](#) to support local law enforcement in seizing illicit drugs and arresting and prosecuting drug dealers, including the State's partnership with the Manchester Police Department's Operation Granite Hammer, and she included additional resources for the statewide expansion of that initiative as part of the comprehensive legislative proposal she put forward when calling for a special session of the legislature last November. To support law enforcement in combating this epidemic, the Governor has also worked to increase the safe and effective use of Narcan, crack down on fentanyl and to train law enforcement officers to treat overdoses as criminal cases.

[Full text of the Governor's proclamation](#)



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