

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

*A Proclamation*

**DIVIDED WE FAIL RECOGNITION DAY  
JANUARY 13, 2009**

**WHEREAS**, AARP, Business Roundtable, National Federation of Independent Business and Service Employees International Union have joined together as champions for **Divided We Fail**, an effort that engages millions of Americans to ask their elected leaders to work together, across party lines, in pursuit of financial and health care security for every American; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the past 18 months, 372 Members of Congress have committed to put aside partisan differences and take action on health care and financial security; and

**WHEREAS**, 1.6 million Americans and more than 12,000 Granite State citizens signed on to demand bipartisan action on these top domestic priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Elected leaders across New Hampshire endorsed the efforts of Divided we Fail last year including the Governor, Executive Councilors, the entire Congressional Delegation, 24 of 24 State Senators, 13 of 13 Mayors and several members of the House of Representatives; and

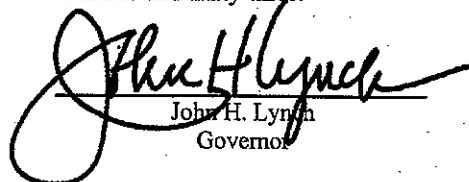
**WHEREAS**, The opportunity to have access to affordable, quality health care and long-term financial security is critical for all Americans and it is the foundation for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, AARP's "army of useful citizens" in our state included countless volunteers whose selfless service rallied AARP members in every county and raised the visibility about the importance of access to affordable health care and financial security not only for them, but for their children and grandchildren;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **January 13, 2009** as **DIVIDED WE FAIL RECOGNITION DAY**.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nine, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-three.

  
John H. Lynch  
Governor