

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

*A Proclamation*

**ASSET BUILDING DAY  
FEBRUARY 17, 2007**

WHEREAS, The dream of graduating from college, starting a business, and buying a home is part of the strong tradition of upward mobility and freedom that is realized each year by thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Research confirms that asset ownership is associated with good health, improved social status, community participation, and economic vitality in local and state economies; and

WHEREAS, The Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit represents over \$265 million dollars to the State of New Hampshire's economy; and

WHEREAS, More than 350 volunteers prepare taxes on a free of charge basis for low-income families, people with disabilities, and senior citizens at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites, AARP Tax Aide programs, as well as professionals at the Low-Income Tax Payer Clinic and the New Hampshire Earned Income Tax Credit Alliance; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's towns, cities, state, and federal agencies have joined forces with community-based organizations, financial institutions, the private sector, higher education, and philanthropy to design and support strategies and asset-building coalitions that aim to lift low-income wage earners out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, Public and private partnerships confirm the importance of financial literacy, wage and tax incentives, saving, and asset-building for low-income wage earners and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 17, 2007 as ASSET BUILDING DAY to celebrate the possibilities of a better economic future for all members of our communities



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seven and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-one.

*John H. Lynch*  
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Governor