

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Commendation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty One

APOLLO 14 MOON LANDING
50th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, 7th generation Granite Stater Alan Shepard of Derry, New Hampshire, travelled a quarter of a million miles from home and became the 5th human being to set foot on the Moon; and

WHEREAS, Commander Shepard and his crewmate Edgar Mitchell touched down on the lunar surface on February 5, 1971, and spent two days exploring the lunar highlands, collecting 94 pounds of moon rocks and soil for scientific studies in the U.S. and 14 other nations, and climbing a crater rim and investigating possible landing sites for future missions; and

WHEREAS, Shepard broke a record by traveling 9,000 feet on the Moon, the furthest of any human being, and he also became the only human being who has ever played golf on the Moon, sending two golf balls into space where they remain today; and

WHEREAS, millions of people across the nation and world were inspired by Commander Alan Shepard's bravery, determination, and intrepid spirit, and

WHEREAS, as the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center inspires kids to pursue careers in STEM, as scientists at the University of New Hampshire study cosmic rays' effects on the lunar surface, and New Hampshire companies create components of satellites and space vessels that will explore the Moon and beyond, it is time to celebrate the achievements of the commander and crew of Apollo 14 on the 50th anniversary of their bold scientific mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend the **APOLLO 14 MOON LANDING** in honor of the 50th anniversary of this historic scientific endeavor. |



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 22nd day of January, 2021.

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor