EAST DERRY, N.H.—ReopenNH today celebrates the tide turning in this three–plus month shutdown battle as Gov. Chris Sununu reopened the beach for all purposes the day before our rally to honor those who sacrificed their lives for freedom on D-Day.

“We are pleased that Gov. Sununu has finally listened to Granite Staters and opened the beaches today by recognizing the science that we’ve been publicly stating all along in opposition to his arbitrary edicts,” said Andrew J. Manuse, chairman of ReopenNH. “We invite the governor to work with us to reopen the rest of the state, starting with an uninhibited reopening of our restaurants and other businesses in the travel and tourism industry as the summer busy season gets underway. Really, it’s time to start rebuilding New Hampshire. Every aspect of the economy and culture needs to be immediately reopened.”

ReopenNH will continue to hold its “Storm the Beaches” rally tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. at Hampton Beach, as today’s announcement by the governor is a great reason to celebrate. However, there is still a lot of work to be done to restore the balance of powers in New Hampshire, and the state is still facing the danger of authoritarianism while the governor persists in his long–past ‘State of Emergency.’ In the meantime, we recognize the need for people to gather and build herd immunity to COVID–19 and any other lingering illnesses during the summer months so that we can be stronger as a people in the fall and winter should a second wave occur.

“It’s important to note that our rally at Hampton Beach was never about our freedom to sunbathe or any other petty trifle, and we recognize that our ideological opponents have tried to paint it in that light,” Manuse said. “All of our rallies have been about restoring the balance of powers in our State Government and resisting the unlawful authority the governor has grabbed to create arbitrary and ineffective edicts in the name of stifling a virus. The Legislature must now rise to the occasion and check the powers the governor has assumed and also make sure that this type of power grab never happens again in the future.”

As the governor moves to reopen New Hampshire, ReopenNH will continue to serve as a voice of reason, urging the adherence to the Constitutional rule of law and the right of the people to govern themselves through their Legislature. Our form of government rightfully restricts the powers of the governor to prevent exactly the type of abuses we’ve seen. We are confident that the majority of people will recognize the devastation caused by the governor’s orders. A free people are the only solution to restoring what we had.

“I’m glad that the governor has seen the wisdom of reopening the beaches and state parks, and I look forward to a full and total reopening of all businesses in the State of New Hampshire next as we work to get our lives back to normal,” said JR Hoell, treasurer of ReopenNH. “We look forward to not having to schedule our dining activities around rain storms and enjoying all of the creativity and ingenuity of New Hampshire’s businesses as well as the fellowship and encouragement of our religious organizations.”

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About ReOpenNH

ReOpenNH is a group of concerned individuals devoted to getting New Hampshire back to work through a restoration of balance and reason, a petition drive at ReOpenNH.com, and coordinated demonstrations against arbitrary government.