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**FLAME OF HOPE TRAVELS ACROSS NEW HAMPSHIRE TO KICK OFF
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE SUMMER GAMES**

The Flame of Hope began its three week journey to light the cauldron at the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics New Hampshire State Summer Games on Saturday, May 16th. Over the last two weeks the Flame of Hope has made its way through the Northern part of the state in eleven separate legs.

On Wednesday, June 3rd the Flame of Hope will travel in four legs from Meredith to Franklin, Nashua to Manchester, Pelham to Hudson and Winchester to Keene.

On Thursday, June 4th two legs, beginning in Manchester and Hillsboro, will make their way to Concord, culminating in the **Statehouse Celebration** at 2:00pm. The public is welcome to attend the celebration.

On Friday, June 5th four legs, beginning in New Durham, Newington, Lee and Concord, will make their way to Durham, culminating in the **Opening Ceremonies of the State Summer Games** at 7:30pm. The public is encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

A special thank you to our 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run sponsors: Circle-K, Irving, Planet Fitness, Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England, Law Enforcement for Special Olympics and New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

Please visit our website for detailed route information at <http://www.sonh.org/support-and-fundraising-events/LESO/torchrun.aspx>.

About the Law Enforcement Torch Run

Law Enforcement Torch Run is a year-round fundraising and public awareness campaign that provides financial support to Special Olympics New Hampshire. The Torch Run involves carrying the Special Olympics Torch, called the Flame of Hope, in a series of relay runs across New Hampshire to the Opening Ceremonies of the State Summer Games. Since its inception in 1985, the Torch Run has raised more than three million dollars to benefit the athletes of SONH.

About Special Olympics New Hampshire

Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) is an accredited program of Special Olympics International (SOI) and is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. SONH was founded in 1970 with the first State Summer Games at Phillips Exeter Academy. To learn more, visit www.sonh.org.

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