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STATEMENT BY GREY2K USA ON THE SIGNING OF HOUSE BILL 630 BY GOVERNOR JOHN LYNCH AND THE END OF GREYHOUND RACING

"We received confirmation this morning that Governor John Lynch has signed into law House Bill 630, a humane proposal to outlaw greyhound racing in New Hampshire. New Hampshire now joins a majority of states where greyhound racing is illegal.

This is a victory for everyone in the state who cares about animals. It sends a clear message that we will not tolerate cruelty, regardless of whether the perpetrator is an individual or a profit-driven industry.

Greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane. At New Hampshire racetracks thousands of dogs endured lives of terrible confinement and many suffered serious injuries. According to state records, nearly 1,200 greyhounds were injured in New Hampshire since 2005, including dogs that suffered broken legs, paralysis, and head trauma.

New Hampshire has a rich tradition when it comes to the humane treatment of animals and this tradition was strengthened today by the signing of House Bill 630. Dogs play an important role in our lives and deserve to be protected from individuals and industries that would do them harm.

We are extremely grateful to Governor Lynch for his signing of this humane bill and to everyone who fought for its passage. In particular, we would like to thank Senator Sheila Roberge and Representatives Mary Cooney, Steve Vaillancourt, John Reagan, and Mary Beth Walz. Without their extraordinary leadership this victory would not have been possible."

GREY2K USA is a national non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 25,000 supporters in all fifty states. For more information, go to www.GREY2KUSA.org.

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