

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Kelly A. Ayotte, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six

**NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH**  
**MAY 2026**

*WHEREAS*, New Hampshire is home to beautiful lakes, rivers, and coastal waters that provide endless opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and enjoyment for residents and visitors alike; and,

*WHEREAS*, water-related activities such as swimming, boating, and fishing are integral to the Granite State's culture and economy, but also present risks that require awareness, education, and proper precautions to prevent accidents and injuries; and,

*WHEREAS*, drowning remains a leading cause of accidental death, particularly among children, and proactive water safety education, including swimming lessons, CPR training, and responsible boating practices, plays a critical role in reducing these tragedies; and,

*WHEREAS*, organizations across New Hampshire, including public safety officials, lifeguards, swim instructors, and boating safety advocates, work tirelessly to promote water safety through education, training, and community outreach; and,

*WHEREAS*, National Water Safety Month serves as a vital reminder of the importance of practicing safe water habits and ensuring that all Granite Staters, especially children, have the knowledge and skills needed to enjoy New Hampshire's waters safely and responsibly;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KELLY AYOTTE, GOVERNOR* of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 2026** as **NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all citizens to prioritize water safety, take precautions when enjoying our state's lakes, rivers, and seacoast, and support efforts to prevent water-related accidents and injuries.



*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2026.

*Kelly A. Ayotte*

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