

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH MONTH
AUGUST 2014

WHEREAS, In 1614, Captain John Smith of England sailed to what was then known as Northern Virginia, mapped the coastline, and named the region New England; and

WHEREAS, This new map included Smith's Isles—what is now known as the Isles of Shoals—and was the first time that the Isles ever appeared on a map; and

WHEREAS, Captain John Smith detailed the bounty of these shores in his book *A Description of New England*, which promoted settlement and was a major factor in the subsequent colonization by the English of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and the other New England states; and

WHEREAS, The colonial history of New Hampshire begins at the Isles of Shoals in 1614, a tradition that has been protected and honored by the Star Island Corporation since 1915; and

WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of Captain Smith's expedition was honored with the erection of an obelisk on Star Island in 1864, and 50 years later, the monument was rededicated on the 300th anniversary in 1914; and

WHEREAS, On this quadricentennial of Captain Smith's voyage, the monument on Star Island will be refurbished and rededicated thanks to the beneficence of the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation; and

WHEREAS, This 400th anniversary is further honored by the dedication of a new monument on Ragged Neck Point at Rye Harbor State Park thanks to the generosity of private benefactors in conjunction with public participation and partnership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **AUGUST 2014** as **CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH MONTH** in New Hampshire to commemorate the 400th anniversary celebrations being held on August 14th at Rye Harbor State Park and on August 22nd on Star Island.

Given this 1st day of August, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-nine.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor