

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

A Proclamation

FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK
MARCH 16 - 20, 2015

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire is vulnerable to flooding and has received 10 Presidential Disaster Declarations for flooding in the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Floods can happen anytime, anywhere, and without warning; and

WHEREAS, The potential for loss of life and damage to property and businesses can be greatly reduced if appropriate flood preparedness and mitigation measures are taken before a flood, including development of flood preparedness plans and adherence to prudent land use planning; and

WHEREAS, Because damage from a flood is not covered under a standard homeowners insurance policy and can affect structures located outside of mapped high-risk floodplain areas, residents are encouraged to review their flood risk and purchase flood insurance to protect their homes and contents from flood; and

WHEREAS, Typically there is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy goes into effect, so residents are encouraged to talk to their insurance agent now; and

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire Silver Jackets recently formalized their three-year partnership of providing a comprehensive and interagency approach to flood management activities, including flood awareness and outreach activities, flood hazard mitigation planning and projects, and flood recovery efforts in order to lessen the effects of flooding in New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Flood hazard risk, vulnerability, and preparedness information can be obtained from www.readynh.gov and www.floodsmart.gov, and this information should be used by residents to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities throughout the year in order to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage during flood events;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 16-20, 2015**, as **FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all residents to take responsibility in preparing their homes, communities, and businesses for flooding events and to recognize the dedicated public servants and the important role they play in public safety, every day, and during times of disaster.

Given this 13th day of March, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-nine.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor