

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

A Proclamation

A Year of STEM
2015

WHEREAS, A strong foundation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) will be essential for New Hampshire's students to compete in today's competitive global economy; and

WHEREAS, Businesses in all sectors of New Hampshire's economy have a greater demand for workers with a strong grounding in STEM skills; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's future economic growth will depend on its ability to ensure a workforce ready for increasingly skilled jobs; and

WHEREAS, To meet the economic demands of the future and ensure the future success of our families, New Hampshire must encourage more of its young people, particularly young women, to consider STEM fields; and

WHEREAS, On April 9, 2014, I, Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor, signed Executive Order 2014-01 to establish the Governor's Task Force on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education; and

WHEREAS, The task force was asked to develop recommendations on how to ensure that kindergarten-through-12th grade STEM education in New Hampshire prepares children for today's technology-driven society and includes standards that are both rigorous and extensive enough to prepare our students to compete globally; and

WHEREAS, In January 2015, the task force released its report on K-12 STEM education, titled Pathways to STEM Excellence: Inspiring Students, Empowering Teachers, and Raising Standards; and

WHEREAS, The task force's report presents eight recommendations and calls for 2015 to be a Year of STEM; and

WHEREAS, During **A Year of STEM**, ambassadors from around the state will work together to heighten awareness of the importance of increased STEM literacy in New Hampshire's K-12 students with the overarching objective of bringing STEM activities into every school district; and

WHEREAS, During **A Year of STEM**, members of the STEM Task Force and ambassadors from around the state will work with all stakeholders on the best way to move forward with the task force's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Activities for students will be focused on critical years of STEM education, including the transition years of 4th and 8th grade and the last two years of high school. These activities will include STEM competitions, industry visits, and general statewide outreach; and

WHEREAS, Businesses will be asked to sign up as STEM partners – providing mentors, hosting STEM-focused events, and providing examples of their own inventions and accomplishments – to showcase New Hampshire STEM for students and the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **2015** as **A Year of STEM** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all educators, students, parents, and residents to observe this year with appropriate activities and opportunities to support STEM education in New Hampshire.

Given this 29th day of January, 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