

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

OUTDOOR LEARNING MONTH
APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, outdoor learning is a powerful tool for fostering creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, offering students a unique opportunity to engage with the environment and enhance their educational experience; and,

WHEREAS, outdoor learning encourages physical activity, improves mental well-being, and supports environmental stewardship, helping to create a connection to the environment and inspire future generations of caretakers of our planet; and,

WHEREAS, research has shown that outdoor education not only enhances academic performance but also helps develop emotional intelligence, social skills, and a sense of community, all of which contribute to well-rounded, resilient individuals; and,

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's diverse landscapes and natural beauty offer ideal settings for outdoor learning, providing our schools with unique opportunities to explore subjects ranging from science to history, literature, and physical education; and,

WHEREAS, the benefits of outdoor learning extend beyond the classroom and into the community, encouraging collaboration between educators, students, parents, and local organizations to create lasting connections between students and the world around them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KELLY AYOTTE, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 2026** as **OUTDOOR LEARNING MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all students, educators, families, and communities to embrace the outdoors as a classroom and enhance learning through outdoor experiences.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2026.

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