

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

A Proclamation

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

CO-OP MONTH
OCTOBER 2025

WHEREAS, the first national Co-op Month was celebrated in 1964 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has since been observed each October to recognize the vital role of co-operatives and credit unions across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, co-operatives — businesses owned and governed by their members — empower people to join together to meet shared needs and goals, from providing healthy food and affordable housing to offering financial services, healthcare, energy, and employment opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, more than 65,000 co-operatives in the United States serve one in three Americans, while globally nearly three million co-operatives support over 280 million jobs and 12% of the world's population through community-centered enterprise; and,

WHEREAS, co-operatives play a major role in New Hampshire's economy and reflect our state's enduring values of independence, innovation, and collaboration, improving quality of life and strengthening communities across the Granite State; and,

WHEREAS, the Neighboring Food Co-op Association and the National Co-operative Business Association have endorsed this year's theme, "Co-operatives Build a Better World," celebrating the power of co-operatives to foster sustainable and resilient communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KELLY AYOTTE, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2025** as **CO-OP MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the vital contributions of co-operatives to our communities, our economy, and our shared future.



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 October, 2025.

Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor