

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

NO-KILL SHELTER MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, the no-kill philosophy reflects a community-wide commitment to saving every healthy or treatable dog and cat in a shelter, aiming for a live release rate of at least 90% for companion animals; and,

WHEREAS, New Hampshire achieved a 92% save rate in 2021, becoming only the second state in the nation to reach no-kill status, and continues to uphold that achievement through widespread collaboration and compassionate care; and,

WHEREAS, Granite Staters can help preserve this status by choosing adoption over purchase when welcoming a new pet into their homes; and,

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's shelters and rescues are home to many healthy, loving animals and operate lifesaving programs including foster care networks, medical and behavioral support, and community initiatives to ensure animals receive the care and opportunities they deserve; and,

WHEREAS, pet adoption not only gives animals a second chance at life but also reduces overcrowding in shelters, promotes responsible pet ownership, and strengthens the bond between people and animals throughout our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KELLY AYOTTE, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **SEPTEMBER 2025** as **NO-KILL SHELTER MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all citizens to support local shelters, consider adoption or fostering, and join in the shared effort to protect and uplift the lives of animals across the Granite State.



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 September, 2025.

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