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Governor Hassan Proclaims Clean Water Week in New Hampshire

CONCORD – In order to highlight the importance of clean water to public health, public safety and New Hampshire's economy, Governor Maggie Hassan today proclaimed Clean Water Week in New Hampshire. The Governor issued the proclamation during a ceremony at the State House with the New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association to recognize students for their participation in a poster competition promoting Clean Water Week in the Granite State.

"Ensuring that all of our residents and visitors have access to safe, clean drinking water is critical to public health, the well-being of our families, vibrant communities and a thriving economy," Governor Hassan said. "During Clean Water Week – and every week – we must continue working aggressively to address water contamination, ensure clean drinking water for all of our citizens, and protect the beautiful natural resources that make our state a unique place to live, work, visit and raise a family."

To help ensure that Granite Staters have access to clean, safe drinking water, Governor Hassan recently signed bipartisan legislation to create the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, which ensures that [funds from the MBE decision are used to remove MBE contamination](#).

[Governor Hassan and state officials also continue to work aggressively to address water contaminated by perfluorochemicals \(PFCs\)](#) around the Saint-Gobain facility in Merrimack, near the former location of Textiles Coated International in Amherst and at Pease Air Force Base. She has pushed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a review of the best available science regarding PFCs and establish a lifetime health advisory for states to assess the safety of drinking water. The Governor has also worked with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Department of Health and Human Services to expand well testing, delivery of bottled water and assistance with blood testing as appropriate, and to start an investigation into the potential presence of these chemicals elsewhere in the state.

[Full text of the Governor's proclamation](#) 



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