



Proclamation

Honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department was officially established on **April 25, 1951** to protect the lives and property of the residents of Stratham, New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of this vital institution was laid by its first elected leaders, including First Fire Chief Ernest T. Wiggin, whose vision and commitment in 1951 set the standard for seventy-five years of public safety excellence in Stratham; and

WHEREAS, from its humble origins, the Department has evolved into a premier emergency response organization, maintaining the highest standards of fire suppression, rescue, and life-saving paramedic level emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department is a cornerstone of our community, fostering connection and spirit through beloved traditions such as the Stratham SummerFest, the First Responder Fall Classic, and memorial ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the selfless commitment of these volunteers—who balance rigorous training and emergency response with their own work, school, and family lives—embodies the very best of Stratham's "friendly, small town feel" and civic pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Select Board of the Town of Stratham, do hereby proclaim the year **2026** as the

75th Anniversary Year of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department

We call upon all citizens to join us in expressing our deepest gratitude to the past and present members of the department for three-quarters of a century of unwavering dedication and heroic service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Stratham to be affixed this 21st day of April, 2026.

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