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**Love a lake? Attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Congress!**

***Join us on May 30 and 31 and learn how you can help keep your favorite lake clean and healthy!***

Concord, N.H., May 14, 2019 – On the evening of Thursday, May 30, historian David Warren will kick off the 2019 Lakes Congress in Meredith, New Hampshire, with the fascinating presentation “Steam over ‘Winnepiseogee’.” Attendees will learn how the railroads and their steamboats transformed the Lakes Region into the mecca for tourists, vacationers, and summer residents that it is today. No other development in our history has had a greater impact on our economy and culture. This presentation is open to the public—the ticket cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required.

The 2019 Lakes Congress, presented by the Grappone Automotive Group and hosted by NH LAKES, will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 30, and all-day on Friday, May 31, at Church Landing at Mill Falls in Meredith along Lake Winnepesaukee. Approximately 200 lake enthusiasts, natural resource professionals, and state agency staff, legislative representatives, municipal officials, and business leaders are expected to gather together at this 26<sup>th</sup> annual education, training, and networking event.

On Friday, May 31, Eric Eckl, nationally renowned communications expert for water conservation, will present “Voices of the Land” as the keynote address of the Lakes Congress. In this inspiring keynote, attendees will learn what it takes for local grassroots efforts to succeed in getting conservation practices implemented on the ground to protect our waters, including our lakes.

“There’s so much we can all do to help keep New Hampshire’s 1,000 lakes clean and healthy,” commented Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice President. “Our goal is to not only inspire but provide each person who comes to Lakes Congress with training and information they can bring to their own communities.”

On Friday after the keynote address, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshop sessions addressing topics including: the state of lake advocacy in New Hampshire; identifying and managing aquatic invasive species in lakes; working with local land trusts to conserve lakes; and lake-friendly living.

This event is open to the public. To learn more about the 2019 Lakes Congress and to register, visit [www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress](http://www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress).

NH LAKES is the only statewide, member-supported nonprofit organization working to keep New Hampshire’s lakes clean and healthy, now and in the future. For more information, visit [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org), email [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org), or call 603.226.0299.

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Photo 1: Eric Eckl, owner, Water Words That Work, will present the keynote address at the NH LAKES 2019 Lakes Congress on Friday, May 31, with the presentation “Voices of the Land.”

Photo 2: Historian David Warren will kick off the NH LAKES 2019 Lakes Congress on the evening of Thursday, May 30, with a presentation highlighting how the railroads and their steamboats changed the Lakes Region.

Photo 3: NH LAKES 2019 Lakes Congress Logo “NH LAKES–Working for clean and healthy lakes”