

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

Executive Order 2008-11

An order directing Executive Branch spending reductions

WHEREAS, RSA 9:16-b provides that “[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law, the governor may, with prior approval of the fiscal committee, order reductions in any or all expenditure classes within any or all departments, as defined in RSA 9:1, if he determines at any time during the fiscal year that: (a) Projected state revenues will be insufficient to maintain a balanced budget and that the likelihood of a serious deficit exists; or (b) The actual lapse for each fiscal year is not going to equal the level estimated in the forecast of funds, unappropriated surplus, as issued by the legislative budget assistant;”

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that the budgeted state revenues for Fiscal Year 2009 are insufficient to fund state budgeted expenditures as authorized by Chapter 262, N.H. Laws of 2007;

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature are committed to taking such steps as are required to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the biennium;

WHEREAS, the Governor has met with the presiding officers of the House and Senate and has thus determined that it is in the public interest to meet with the legislative fiscal committee, which has, in turn, responded to the Governor’s initiative by consenting to certain additional actions to further reduce expenditures for purchases in the executive branch;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by RSA 9:16-b and part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order the following steps to apply to all departments as defined in RSA 9:1 in order to effect a reduction in expenditures:

1. Overtime: Overtime hours funded with general funds shall not be authorized, with the exception of overtime that is necessary for direct care, to ensure public safety, to respond to emergencies, to comply with provisions of collective bargaining agreements or pursuant to a written overtime policy approved by the agency head and deemed essential to carry out the core mission of the department.

2. State Vehicles: All state vehicles shall be parked overnight at the primary business office of the state employee assigned to the vehicle, unless the agency head determines that storage of the vehicle at a personal residence or other location is necessary for the state employee to carry out his or her assigned duties.

3. Mileage Reimbursement: Departments shall require the use of car pools or pooled state vehicles when feasible for travel during the workday. Mileage reimbursement requests shall not be authorized where a car pool or state vehicle was feasible but was not used.

4. Publications and Printing: Reports should be published only electronically whenever possible.

5. Consultants: Departments shall only retain essential consulting services, and shall terminate existing consulting services, as feasible, unless determined to be essential to the department's operations.

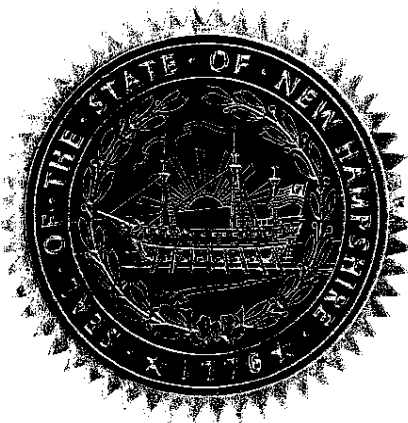
6. Books, Periodicals, Newspapers and Subscriptions: Books, periodicals, newspapers and subscriptions shall be canceled, unless determined to be essential to the department's operations.

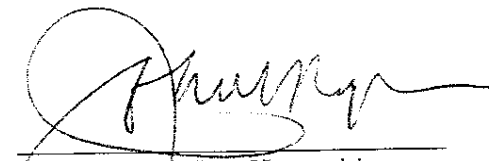
7. Tuition Reimbursement: No tuition reimbursement shall be authorized.

8. Phones: All departments shall implement a reduction in telephone landlines, by identifying lines that are not being used or are non-essential. All departments shall implement a reduction in mobile cellular phone usage by terminating non-essential mobile cellular phones and by encouraging the pooling of mobile cellular phones amongst state employees.

The steps directed by this Executive Order shall remain in effect until terminated, provided, however, that individual exceptions to any of the above provisions may be requested by any department in writing to the Governor. Any exceptions granted by the Governor shall be transmitted to the fiscal committee.

Given under my hand and seal at the
Executive Chambers in Concord, this 21st
day of November, in the year of our Lord,
two thousand and eight.




Governor of New Hampshire