

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
STEPHEN MERRILL, GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 96-3

an order directing reduction of the rate of departmental expenditures

WHEREAS, RSA 9:16-b provides in part "Notwithstanding 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, it is projected that the actual lapse for Fiscal Year 1996 and 1997 are not going to equal the level estimated in the forecast of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Legislature are committed to take such steps as are required to ensure a balanced budget by the end of the Biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has met with the presiding officers of the Legislature and has thus determined that it is in the public interest to meet with the Fiscal Committee which has, in turn, responded to the Governor's initiative by consenting to several actions to reduce the rate of departmental expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN MERRILL, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, under the authority vested in me by RSA 9:16-b, in order to effect a reduction in the rate of expenditure, do hereby order effective immediately, the following steps to apply to an departments or establishment budgets, as defined in RSA 9:1 and indicated below:

- (1) The General Fund appropriations as authorized by Chapter 307, Laws of 1995, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, are hereby reduced by the amount indicated for each department or establishment listed below:

EAU	AGENCY NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
01-03	002	Executive Office	\$ 91,600
01-04	014	Administrative Service	\$ 500,000
01-05	032/028	Secretary of State	\$ 30,900
01-06	034	Cultural Affairs	\$ 13,600
01-07	084	Revenue Administration	\$ 247,000
01-08	038	State Treasury	\$ 22,000
01-09	089	Tax & Land Appeals	\$ 12,000
02-02	012	Adjutant General	\$ 54,000
02-03	018	Agriculture	\$ 15,000
02-04	020	Attorney General	\$ 162,000
02-07	088	Emergency Management	\$ 11,000
02-08	086	Pari-Mutuel Commission	\$ 36,000
02-12	026	Labor	\$ 26,800
02-13	077	Liquor Commission	\$ 500,000
02-15	023	Safety	\$ 77,000
02-16	046	Corrections	\$ 150,000
02-18	007/064	Judicial Council	\$ 31,000
02-19	076	Human Rights	\$ 800
03-01	075	Fish and Game	\$ 3,000
03-03	035	DRED	\$ 225,000
03-04	044	Environmental Services	\$ 270,000
04-01	096	Transportation	\$ 75,000
04-02	036	Port Authority	\$ 10,000
05-01	095	Health & Human Services	\$ 4,000,000
05-02	043	Veterans' Home	\$ 45,000
05-04	041	Dept of YDS	\$ 226,000
06-01	057	Postsecondary Education Comm.	\$ 44,000
06-03	056	Education	\$ 375,200
06-04	058	Postsecondary Technical Ed.	\$ 150,000
06-06	050	University System	\$ 250,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			\$ 7,653,900

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No reductions will be made to grants to cities and towns and school districts.

Each department head shall notify the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Governor, and the Fiscal Committee, within fifteen days of the date of this Executive Order as to the amounts to be reduced by class to fully meet the requirements of said order. A conceded effort must be made to protect Federal Matching Funds insofar as practical

The reductions directed by this order shall remain in effect until June 30, 1997, or until terminated under the provision of RSA 9:16-b; provided, however, that individual exceptions to any of the above provisions may be requested by any agency in writing to the Governor. Any exceptions granted by the Governor shall be transmitted to the Fiscal Committee.



Granted under my hand and seal at *the*
Executive Chambers in Concord, this
eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord,
~~One Thousand~~ Nine Hundred and ~~Ninety-Six~~

Stephen Merrill

Governor of New Hampshire