

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

□BY HIS EXCELLENCY

CRAIG R. BENSON, GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2003-2**

**AN ORDER REQUIRING AGENCY HEADS TO SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST PLEDGE**

**WHEREAS**, public servants must avoid conflicts between their private interests and those of the citizens they serve; and

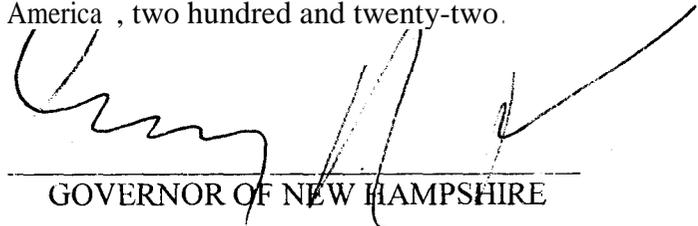
**WHEREAS**, the decisions of public officials must be governed by what is in the best interests of the citizens of New Hampshire

**WHEREAS**, agency heads must act appropriately through public disclosure or recusal where a conflict of interest arises;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, **CRAIG R. BENSON, GOVERNOR**, of the **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, by the authority vested in me by Part 11, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order, effective immediately, that all agency heads sign a conflict of interest pledge stating "I solemnly pledge that all my executive decisions shall be governed by what is in the best interests of the people of the State of New Hampshire. I shall not knowingly make any decisions where a conflict of interest exists with my business interests or investments, without taking appropriate actions through public disclosure or recusal."

**FURTHER**, the executed conflict of interest pledges shall be kept on file at the Secretary of State's Office.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and three, and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and twenty-two.

  
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

