

State of New Hampshire

By His Excellency

Craig R. Benson, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2003-6

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN
REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE AND AN OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN
REVITALIZATION FUND**

WHEREAS, the Old Man of the Mountain has been an enduring symbol of the State of New Hampshire and the strength and character of her people; and

WHEREAS, the Old Man of the Mountain has been a symbol of liberty and freedom to the entire nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, generations of philosophers and poets have been inspired by the Old Man of the Mountain and the values and traditions that he symbolizes; and

WHEREAS, generations of families from New Hampshire, the nation, and the world, who have traveled to the White Mountains of New Hampshire to view our majestic landscape and to enjoy our State's natural beauty, have paused by Profile Lake to gaze up at the Old Man of the Mountain and to reflect on the wonder of God's creation; and

WHEREAS, the forces that gave us the Old Man of the Mountain have now let him go; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of New Hampshire wish to create an appropriate and enduring tribute to the Old Man of the Mountain.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CRAIG R. BENSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that:

1. There is hereby established the Old Man of the Mountain Revitalization Task Force. The Task Force shall examine ways in which the State of New Hampshire can create an appropriate and enduring tribute to the Old Man of the Mountain that honors our memory of the Old Man of the Mountain and what he has meant to us as a people, and that symbolizes the values and traditions for which the Old Man of the Mountain stood.

2. The appropriate and enduring tribute shall be something that families can visit and that people of all ages will ^{envy} and appreciate.

3. The Task Force may consider all possible options for an appropriate and enduring tribute to the Old Man of the Mountain

4. The Task Force initially will consist of 12 members. *Ex officio* members will include the Speaker of the House or his designee, the President of the Senate or his designee, the Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the State Geologist. There shall be seven additional members appointed by the Governor including the chairperson of the Task Force.

5. The Task Force shall report to the Governor on its findings within 120 days of this order. The Governor shall then make a recommendation to the General Court for legislation necessary to create the appropriate and enduring tribute contemplated in this order. The Task force may report to the Governor on earlier occasions as may be necessary to further its work.

6. The Office of the Governor, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall establish a charitable fund that shall accept donations from the public to aid the Task Force in its work and to provide an appropriate and enduring tribute to New Hampshire's beloved symbol, Old Man of the Mountain.

Given at the Executive Chambers in
Concord this sixth day of May, in the
year two thousand and three



GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

