

*State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Jeanne Shaheen, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-2**

**An order pertaining to the Council on Resources and Development and the preservation of New Hampshire's traditional communities and landscapes**

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire's unique and varied landscape of seacoast and mountains, lakes and rivers, and forests and fields, is of **irreplaceable** value to current and future generations of New Hampshire citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, our traditional communities, which include historic meeting houses, village greens, mill buildings, and grand hotels, represent patterns and styles of development which are in harmony with the landscape and of a scale sympathetic to our citizenry, and

**WHEREAS**, the pattern of small scale communities with a background of open space and with natural resources in easy reach of where we live, work and play, is a key component of New Hampshire's high quality of life **and** economic **competitiveness; and**

**WHEREAS**, the current forecast for continued, steady growth and prosperity brings many benefits, such as new jobs **and** economic opportunity as well as new citizens with energy, talent and ideas, these same forecasts point out the need to take stock of our assets, and to assure their availability to future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, in other areas of the nation where citizens have failed to recognize the importance of the **traditional landscape**, incremental **development** decisions **have resulted** in a **pattern** of extensive and uncoordinated commercial, residential and industrial development; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for New **Hampshire** to maintain and **enhance** its unique character and high quality of life to ensure future prosperity **and** help achieve our full economic potential; and

**WHEREAS**, future generations of New Hampshire citizens will look back with regret if we permit the insensitive and **inappropriate** development patterns seen in other areas to mar the New Hampshire landscape and erode our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, state government, in close coordination with local, regional, **and** federal entities, can play a significant role in shaping future growth and development patterns,

NOW, **THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me **pursuant** to Part II, Article 41 of the New **Hampshire** Constitution, do hereby order and direct that *effective* immediately: The Council on Resources and Development (CORD), both through itself and through its ten member agencies, shall commence an inventory of agency actions currently underway which promote the retention of our traditional communities and landscape, and further CORD, and its member agencies, shall examine ways in which their current programs, rules, regulation and granting programs might be improved upon so as to insure that, as State agencies, they are working to retain our traditional landscape to the maximum extent feasible. CORD shall complete this process by May 15, 1999. CORD shall then extend this inventory and examination process so that, by September 1, 1999, all state agencies will have completed this process. By October 1, 1999, CORD shall prepare a report for the Governor detailing actions taken to date and recommendations for **additional** programmatic changes. In this way, we in the Executive Branch will be able to assure the public at large that we are doing everything we possible can to insure that our traditional communities and landscapes will be **available** for our children **and** future generations.

**Signed February 4, 1999, Jeanne Shaheen, Governor, State of New Hampshire**

  
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE