

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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-5**  
**An order directing a hiring freeze**  
**to reduce the rate of state general fund expenditures**

**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 [she] 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;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has determined that it is likely that projected state revenue will be insufficient to maintain a balanced budget; and

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

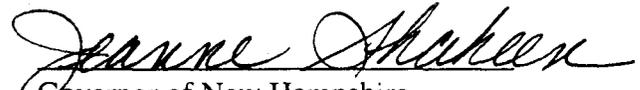
**WHEREAS**, the Governor has met with the presiding officers of the House and Senate and has thus determined that it is in the public interest to meet with the legislative fiscal committee, which has, in turn, responded to the Governor's initiative by consenting to certain actions to reduce the rate of state general fund expenditures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN**, 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, effective immediately, the following steps to apply to all departments as defined in RSA 9:1 in order to effect a reduction in the rate of expenditure:

- a. All full-time classified and unclassified employee positions funded in whole or in part by the General Fund which are vacant on the effective date of this Executive Order or which become vacant after its effective date shall remain vacant during the 2000/2001 biennium, with the exception of direct care, custodial care, law enforcement positions and those positions within the community-technical colleges that are directly responsible for academic instruction, including but not limited to academic faculty and counseling. The appropriation for each such position shall be lapsed forthwith to the Salary Adjustment Fund, RSA 99:4, and the Employee Benefit Adjustment Account, RSA 9:17-c, as applicable.

- b. The hiring freeze directed by this order shall remain in effect until June 30, 2001 or until terminated under the provisions 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.

Given under my hand and seal at the  
Exec Executive Chambers in Concord,  
this 3rd day of May, in the year two  
thousand.

  
Governor of New Hampshire