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January 15, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Anne M. Edwards (Position #9U487, Appropriation #02-20-20-200010-2601-013-500132) as Associate Attorney General at a salary level of \$108,981.87 effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or February 3, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Edwards is a resident of Milford, and is General Counsel to the Department of Justice. Ms. Edwards joined the Department in 1996 as an Attorney in the Transportation and Construction Bureau. She was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in 1997, and reappointed as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in 2000, and named an Associate Attorney General in 2002. In 2010, Ms. Edwards was appointed as the Interim Director of Charitable Trusts and served in that role until 2011. She was promoted to the Chief of Staff in 2011 and served in that role until 2015 when she was named Director of the Division of Legal Counsel. In 2018, I selected Ms. Edwards for the role of General Counsel for the Department. In that role, Ms. Edwards provides legal advice to the office and ensures compliance with the ethical obligations of the office. I plan to continue her in that assignment. A copy of her resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a(1)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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I am very pleased to offer Ms. Edwards for this reappointment as an Associate Attorney General at the above-referenced salary amount and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon J. MacDonald', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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**ANNE M. EDWARDS
MILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH – A.B., *magna cum laude* - majored in History and minored in Spanish and English

Boston University, School of Law, Boston, MA – Juris Doctorate

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton **1989 - 1995**
Manchester, NH

Associate assigned to the litigation division with a corporate division rotation.

Sullivan & Gregg **1995 - 1996**
Nashua, NH

Senior associate responsible for general litigation practice including probate litigation, insurance defense work, and plaintiff cases.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Justice **1996 – Present**

Transportation & Construction Bureau **1996 – 1998**

Attorney and Assistant Attorney General responsible for representing the Department of Transportation in general litigation, eminent domain cases, and providing general legal advice. During this time, beginning in 1997, I was assigned to education funding matters and assisted in the drafting of the ABC Education Funding legislation.

Environmental Protection Bureau **1998 – 2000**

Assistant Attorney General responsible for representing the Department of Environmental Services and the Fish & Game Department in general litigation, regulatory matters, and providing general legal advice. During this time period, education funding litigation was very active and I was assigned as the State's lead attorney in these matters.

Civil Bureau **2000 – 2011**

Assigned to several agencies to provide general legal advice and litigation defense. During this period, I worked with various legislative committees and commissions on education funding matters and defended several education-related lawsuits, including three constitutional challenges to the statewide property tax and several constitutional challenges to different education funding formulae. Was lead counsel on elections matters until 2004 and have continued as secondary counsel since then. Also negotiated many conservation easements for the State, and more specifically, negotiated the State's purchase of two conservation

easements for the Department of Resources and Economic Development and the Fish & Game Department on the Connecticut Lakes headwaters property.

Appointed as Special Senior Assistant Attorney General, Senior Assistant Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General while in the Civil Bureau. In 2006, I was appointed the Chief of Civil Litigation. Actively involved in all litigation brought against the State of New Hampshire and regularly supervised 15 attorneys, 2 paralegals, 1 investigator, and 4 secretaries.

Charitable Trusts Unit

2010 – 2011

Appointed as the Interim Director of Charitable Trusts and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Charitable Trusts Unit in its regulation activities of the State's more than 8,000 charities and private trusts. Actively participated in all hearings, as a necessary party, in the State's probate courts on matters pertaining to charities and private trusts including changes in the use of charitable funds, ensuring that the settlor's intent was being followed, monitoring the use of municipal trust funds, and ensuring that fiduciaries were complying with their fiduciary responsibilities. The Charitable Trusts Unit issued several reports during 2010-2011 reviewing the demise of several charitable entities in order to provide this information to other charities for educational purposes. The Charitable Trusts Unit also established monitoring systems for some State charities to assist them in recovering from economic damage that could cause them to cease operations.

Chief of Staff

2011 – 2015

Oversaw the management of the staff of the Attorney General's Office and performed special assignments from the Attorney General. During this time, I was the lead counsel in the constitutional challenge to the State's mental health system and oversaw the Elections Unit and the Charitable Trust Unit.

Charitable Trusts Unit

2013 – 2014

Appointed as the Interim Director of Charitable Trusts again after the resignation of the Director. I performed the same duties as identified above including beginning the first review of salaries for the chief executive officers of New Hampshire's hospitals.

Director of the Division of Legal Counsel

2015 – 2018

Oversaw the functions and management of the Civil Bureau, the Transportation and Construction Bureau, the civil portions of the Environmental Protection Bureau, and the Charitable Trusts Unit. I was actively involved in all major civil litigation and significant client counseling matters. I continued as lead counsel in the implementation of the community mental health agreement.

General Counsel

2018 – Present

Responsible for ensuring that the office has appropriate written protocols and is complying with all rules of professional conduct as well as all State ethics and right-to-know laws. Provide legal advice to the office.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

I was born and raised in Raymond, New Hampshire, and graduated from Raymond High School as class valedictorian. My family has lived in the Raymond area for more than 200 years.

From 1982 to 1985, I was elected as one of three Trustees of the Trust Funds for Raymond. Since 2008, I have been the Chair of the Ethics Committee for the Town of Milford, which is an office appointed by the Selectmen.

I am a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and earned the First Class Award, which was the highest award in Girl Scouts that a girl could earn. I am the Committee Chair for Boy Scout Troop 4. I am a volunteer with the Milford High School Band Boosters and am a member of St. Patrick's Church in Milford.

I avidly enjoy gardening, hiking, swimming, canoeing, fishing, reading, and being outdoors. I am married and my husband, Bob, is self-employed through his business operations consulting company. We have two sons, who are both Eagle Scouts. Zachary is in college and Robert serves in the United States Navy as a Petty Officer Second Class assigned to the USS Constitution in Boston.