GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES State House, Concord, New Hampshire July 16, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

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The Governor and Executive Council convened for a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. with Councilor St. Hilaire present in person. Councilor Burton, Councilor Wiczorek, and Councilor Wheeler were present via telephone conference.

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I would like to ask those councilors participating by telephone to identify themselves and identify anyone else who is physically present with them at the location from which they are participating.

Councilor Burton was participating by telephone from his home office at 338 River Road, Bath, NH. He identified himself and indicated that he was alone. Councilor Wieczorek was participating by telephone from his home at 1060 Ray Street, Manchester, NH. He identified himself and indicated that he was alone. Councilor Wheeler was participating by telephone from Main Street in New Hampton, NH. He identified himself and indicated that he was with his crew.

This meeting is being conducted as an emergency meeting under RSA 91-A:2, III(b).

Because of the absence from the Department of Employment Security of a Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner due to the mandated leave of the Commissioner and the suspension of the Deputy Commissioner that occurred last Wednesday and Thursday, it is imperative that the Executive Council act without delay to appoint an Interim Commissioner.

It was not reasonably practical to have a quorum of the Council present here today given the need to appoint an interim Commissioner without further delay and the schedule and/or prior commitments of the Council members who are on the phone.

I am nominating George Copadis of Manchester to serve as Interim Commissioner of the Department of Employment Security. This appointment is for a term of six months or until a successor has been confirmed.

The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wieczorek, seconded by Councilor St. Hilaire, and further on a roll call voted as follows: Councilor Burton – yes, Councilor St. Hilaire – yes, Councilor Sununu – absent, Councilor Wieczorek – yes, and Councilor Wheeler – yes, voted to confirm the following:

Interim Commissioner for the Department of Employment Security

George N. Copadis, Manchester Effective: July 16, 2012

Vacancy Term: 6 months or upon confirmation of a successor

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The Governor and Council on motion of Councilor Wieczorek, seconded by Councilor Burton, and further on a roll call voted as follows: Councilor Burton – yes, Councilor St. Hilaire – yes, Councilor Sununu – absent, Councilor Wieczorek – yes, and Councilor Wheeler – yes, voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.