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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Transportation to accept 29,850 trash bags, with a reported value of \$3,162.11, from New Hampshire the Beautiful Inc. for use in the Sponsor-a-Highway Program.

**EXPLANATION**

NH RSA Title XX Transportation, Chapter 230 State Highways, Section 230:83 Sponsor-a-Highway Program requires the Commissioner of Transportation to "...establish a sponsor-a-highway program by directly involving citizens, groups, associations, and the business community in the beautification of the state's highways."

New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. supports this program by donating blue bags for the Department of Transportation to provide to the volunteer groups that remove trash from almost 1,225 miles of State Roadway. During calendar year 2016, 372 volunteer groups picked up 13,355 bags of trash as part of this program.

The Department appreciates the support of New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. and all the volunteer groups that make the Sponsor a Highway program a success and help keep our roadsides clean.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

New Hampshire Sponsor-A-Highway Program  
administered through  
New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Highway Maintenance

2016 Fact Sheet

The New Hampshire Sponsor-A-Highway program, in cooperation with New Hampshire the Beautiful, coordinates volunteers to remove litter from portions of the State's highway system. The New Hampshire legislature established the program through RSA 230:83 and administrative rules were adopted on April 1, 1994. Volunteer groups are asked to sponsor both sides of a 2-mile section of highway and agree to a 2-year commitment. Volunteers are asked to remove litter four times between April and November.

Some highlights for 2016 are listed below:

- 13,355 bags of litter removed (equivalent to approximately 33 tons or 44,000 cubic feet).
- 372 volunteer groups are active with Sponsor-a-Highway.
- 1,225 miles of highway are sponsored.
- New Hampshire the Beautiful donated approximately 19,950 bags to the program.
- Since 2007, New Hampshire the Beautiful has donated approximately 348,300 bags.
- Since 1994, approximately 391,010 bags of litter have been removed from the State's highways with this program (equivalent to 2,996 garbage trucks)