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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

In accordance with RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Administrative Services, to accept two Christmas trees to be placed at the Bridges House on Mountain Road and the State House in Concord, NH. The trees are being donated by Nichols Trees, LLC. The value of this donation is approximately \$150.00

**EXPLANATION**

Each year it has become an annual tradition for members of the New Hampshire Christmas Tree industry, organized by the NH Christmas Tree Promotion Board to donate trees to the State to decorate the State House Governor and Council Chambers and the Bridges House. The purpose of the New Hampshire Christmas Tree Promotion Board is to promote and support the New Hampshire Christmas Tree products industry through the implementation of effective programs and activities to enhance awareness of the industry, increased sales and utilization of real Christmas and associated products, and further the interests of the Christmas tree growers of New Hampshire.

This year the Christmas trees are coming from Nichol Trees, LLC, a family owned and operated farm located in Lyme, NH. The farm was established in 1983 by Ben Nichols who grew up in the industry on his father's tree farm in nearby Orford. Nichols Trees is a 50 acre farm specializing in Balsam and Fraser Fir trees. Ben, his wife Amy, their son, Tim and daughter, Amara, run all aspects of the business.

Respectfully submitted,

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