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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 at the State House in Concord, NH. The trees are being donated by Noel's Tree Farm located in Litchfield, NH. 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 Noel's Tree Farm, a family owned and operated farm located in Litchfield, NH. The farm was established in 1994 by Paul and Catherine Lemire on land that was owned by Paul's father. The farm is named for Paul's father who was born on Christmas day and aptly named Noel. Noel's Tree Farm is a cut your own tree operation, consisting of about 6,500 trees. Balsam, Fraser and Canaan fir tree varieties make up the plantation. The Lemires buy an additional 6,000 trees from other local growers and sell close to 7,000 trees per year of cut your own and pre-cut trees.

Respectfully submitted,

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