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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant a salary increase to Anne M. Edwards, as an Associate Attorney General (Position #9U487, Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132), from a salary level of \$108,981.87 to a salary level of \$116,000 retroactive to July 1, 2019 upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with the 2001 N.H. Laws Chapter 158, Section 101, and 2018 N.H. Laws Chapter 162, Section 14, this request seeks your approval to grant a salary increase for Associate Attorney General, Anne M. Edwards. This item is **retroactive** because funds in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 biennium budget were not available to submit this request prior to July 1, 2019.

Ms. Edwards lives in Milford. She received her law degree from Boston University School of Law in 1989. She was an associate attorney at McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton from 1989 through 1995. Ms. Edwards was a senior associate at Sullivan & Gregg from 1995 through 1996. She 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 appointed as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in 2000. Ms. Edwards became an Associate Attorney General in 2002. In 2010, she was appointed as the Interim Director of Charitable Trusts Unit 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. She was named General Counsel for the Department of Justice in 2018. In this role she provides legal advice to the office and ensures compliance with the ethical obligations of the office. Ms. Edwards' salary will increase by \$7,018.13, from \$108,981.87 to \$116,000. I will continue her assignment as General Counsel to the Department of Justice.

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RSA 94:1-a(I)(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.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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