



New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability

Christopher T. Sununu, Governor
Paul Van Blarigan, Chair
Charles J. Saia, Executive Director

April 9, 2018

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the RSA 275-C:8, authorize the Governor's Commission on Disability to accept a donation of 288 specialty telephones worth an estimated total retail value of \$28,512.00 from New Hampshire Secretary of State for the benefit of repurposing the equipment in a way that would benefit New Hampshire citizens with disabilities. Effective upon Governor and Council approval. There are no general funds involved with this request.

EXPLANATION

The Governor's Commission on Disability has been given the opportunity to receive the above-referenced specialty telephones. The Secretary of State's office contacted the Governor's Commission on Disability with an offer and an opportunity. The Secretary of State had an inventory of 288 specialty telephones with accessible features, such as amplified sound and large buttons. They were originally purchased with Federal monies for the state of New Hampshire and used during the election process as part of the special equipment which ensured those individuals with disabilities fairness in voting. Since the Secretary of State has new equipment in place for the upcoming elections, the Secretary of State's office asked the Governor's Commission on Disability if it could devise a plan to repurpose the equipment in a way that would benefit the citizens of New Hampshire. Collaboration is one way New Hampshire works best and so the GCD accepted the challenge and developed the "Hello Campaign", which is designed to work collaboratively with partners and groups (advocates, non-profits, sister agencies and more) who work in the community. These groups will be used to identify and distribute to anyone who would benefit from having one of these phones.

Your favorable consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Saia".

Charles J. Saia
Executive Director