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November 6, 2019

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 Nicole M. Clay, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position 9U222, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), from a salary level of \$66,437.50 to a salary level of \$71,000 **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 Assistant Attorney General Nicole M. Clay. 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. Clay is a resident of Lowell, Massachusetts and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree from the New England School of Law in 2016. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Clay held various positions with the Nashua Police Department beginning in 2007, including patrol officer, school resource officer and police prosecutor. She joined the Department in October 2017 as an attorney in the Criminal Bureau and was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General on November 9, 2018. Ms. Clay's salary will increase by \$4,562.50, from \$66,437.50 to \$71,000. I will continue her assignment as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Bureau.

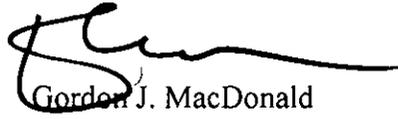
RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney General,

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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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