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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

In accordance with RSA 4:8 and RSA 4:9, authorization is requested by the Department of Administrative Services, and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, to accept a portrait of Governor John H. Lynch, with an estimated value of \$ 22,000, for public viewing at the State House. Funding for the portrait was received from private donations.

**EXPLANATION**

Portraits of New Hampshire governors have graced the halls of the State House for generations. With the exception of the very first governor, Meshach Weare (1776-1785), and one acting governor, Ralph D. Hough (1993), the state has in its collection portraits of every governor through Craig Benson (2003-2004).

John H. Lynch served as the 80<sup>th</sup> Governor of the State of New Hampshire from 2005 through 2012. Upon his inauguration to his fourth term, on January 6, 2011, Governor Lynch became the state's longest serving governor in nearly two centuries.

This portrait of Governor Lynch was commissioned to be painted by Ralph Stone Jacobs, a nationally renowned artist known for his portraits, still lifes, and landscapes. Jacobs also painted Governor Jeanne Shaheen's portrait which hangs in the reception area of the Governor's office at the New Hampshire State House. His portraits also hang in the Harvard Law School and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Jacobs lives in Whitefield, New Hampshire with his family.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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