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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

For consideration on the consent calendar, and pursuant to the provisions of RSA 4:8, Gifts to the State, authorize the Department of Administrative Services to accept the donation of a book from author Stevens Goldsmith of Surry, New Hampshire, entitled "*A Demon Called Fire: A History of the Keene NH Fire Department*". This newly release book is a compilation of fires, emergencies and occurrences of the Keene Fire Department spanning its 250-year history. It has a value of \$69.00.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Goldsmith is a retired Deputy Fire Chief of Keene, NH who drew from his own personal experiences and upon source articles chronicled in the Keene Sentinel, City of Keene Annual Reports, and excerpts from the Keene Fire Department archives to compile the material in this history.

Mr. Goldsmith is donating a copy of his book "*A Demon Called Fire: A History of the Keene NH Fire Department*" for acceptance by the Governor and Executive Council, to be used for reference purposes in the library of the State Fire Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable Governor Maggie Hassan
Office of the Governor
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Dear Honorable Governor Hassan,

I am writing to inform you of my newly-released book, *A Demon Called Fire: A History of the Keene NH. Fire Department, 1745-2003*. This book, which I have been working on for the past ten years, is a complete compilation of the fires, emergencies and occurrences of the Keene Fire Department, spanning its 250-year history.

This book draws upon source articles chronicled in *The Keene Sentinel* (One of the longest-running newspapers in the country), the City of Keene Annual reports, and excerpts from the Keene Fire Department archives compiled into 1236 pages containing 733 images which document this history. As a retired Deputy Fire Chief of the Keene Fire Department, with over 30 years of experience much of the writing is derived from my own knowledge of the department and personal writings.

I am donating a copy of this book to be accepted through your office and kept for reference purposes in the Library of the State Fire Academy. It is my request that you and Executive Council consider the acceptance of this gift. If it is determined to be accepted, I would like to make arrangements for a formal presentation in the future.

Sincerely,



Stevens Goldsmith
Deputy Fire Chief (Retired), Keene NH