

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Jeanne Shaheen, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-2

An order directing a freeze of Executive Branch hiring, equipment and out-of-state travel to reduce state general fund expenditures

WHEREAS, RSA 9:16-b provides that "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law, the governor may, with prior approval of the fiscal committee, order reductions in any or all expenditure classes within any or all departments, as defined in RSA 9:1, if [she] determines at any time during the fiscal year that: (a) projected State revenues will be insufficient to maintain a balanced budget and that the likelihood of a serious deficit exists;" and

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that the budgeted state revenues for Fiscal Year 2002 are insufficient to fund the state budgeted expenditures as authorized by Chapter 130, N. H. Laws of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Legislature are committed to taking such steps as are required to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has met with the presiding officers of the House and Senate and has thus determined that it is in the public interest to meet with the legislative fiscal committee, which has, in turn, responded to the Governor's initiative by consenting to certain actions to reduce state general fund expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by RSA 9:16-b and part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order the following steps to apply to all departments as defined in RSA 9:1 in order to effect a reduction in expenditures:

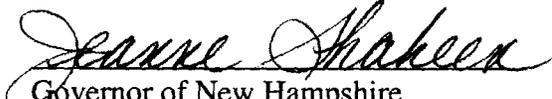
- a. All full-time classified and unclassified employee positions funded in whole or in part by the general fund which are vacant on March 6th or which become vacant after its effective date shall remain vacant during the balance of fiscal year 2002, with the exception of direct care, custodial care, law enforcement positions and those positions within the community-technical colleges that are directly responsible for academic instruction, including but not limited to academic faculty and counseling. The appropriation for each such position shall be lapsed forthwith to the Salary Adjustment Fund, RSA 99:4, and the Employee Benefit Adjustment Account, RSA 9:17-c, as applicable.

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- b. No general fund monies appropriated for Class 30 equipment, for the balance of fiscal year 2002, shall be expended or encumbered except those encumbered by contract or purchase orders on March
- c. No general fund monies appropriated for Class 80 out-of-state travel, for the balance of fiscal year 2002, shall be expended or encumbered on or after March 6th
- d. The hiring, equipment and out-of-state travel freeze directed by this order shall remain in effect until June 30, 2002 or until terminated under the provisions of RSA 9:16-b; provided, however, that individual exceptions to any of the above provisions may be requested by any agency in writing to the Governor. Any exceptions granted by the Governor shall be transmitted to the Fiscal Committee.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 13th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand two.


Governor of New Hampshire