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March 7, 2019

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

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

# REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to appoint Matthew T. Broadhead Position #9U053 (Appropriation #02-20-201010-2623-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary of \$85,500 effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or April 26, 2019, whichever is the latter. Mr. Broadhead will be fulfilling a position term which ends on August 31, 2019.

### **EXPLANATION**

Mr. Broadhead is a resident of Windham and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He graduated, cum laude, from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2010 and graduated, cum laude, from The George Washington University in 2007. He was an attorney with the law firm of Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin from 2010 to 2014 when he joined the Department of Justice as an Attorney in the Transportation and Construction Bureau. Mr. Broadhead was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in October 2015. He then transferred to the Civil Bureau, and was named head of the Election Law Unit in October 2017. Upon approval, he will be designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General and will be the Bureau Chief for the Transportation and Construction Bureau. I am requesting that his salary be established at \$85,500. A copy of Mr. Broadhead's resume is attached.

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, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Broadhead's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon J. MacDonald Attorney General

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# MATTHEW T. BROADHEAD

Admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 2010

### **EDUCATION**

University of New Hampshire School of Law Concord, NH Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2010 Graduate of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program

The George Washington University, Washington, DC Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Political Science, 2007

## **EXPERIENCE**

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant Attorney General. Presently leading the Election Law Unit, serving as the prosecutor and regulator for election-related matters and providing legal counsel to the Department of State. Represented the State in civil litigation involving constitutional challenges to the State's election laws. Previously worked in the Transportation & Construction Bureau representing the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Department of Safety in the U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Superior Courts and the New Hampshire Supreme Court on a variety of litigation matters, including serving as lead attorney in defending the State against three separate constitutional challenges to the sex offender registry. Successfully obtained dismissal of a \$25m lawsuit filed against NHDOT. Provided counsel to agencies on wage and hour laws, the Right-to-Know law, and on transportation and construction projects, including the widening of I-93.

Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin, P.A., Dover, NH May 2010 – October 2014 Associate Attorney. Represented clients in a variety of civil litigation matters. Developed significant pre-trial and trial experience as lead attorney in matters at all levels of New Hampshire courts and at administrative hearings. Regular tasks include drafting pleadings, conducting discovery, depositions, oral arguments, and participating in hearings, mediations, and arbitrations.

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Concord, NH January 2010 – May 2010 *Intern*. During final semester of law school worked in the Civil Bureau. Tasks included drafting a New Hampshire Supreme Court brief, trial court pleadings and motions, performed legal research, and drafted memoranda.

Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH May – December 2009 Intern. Worked with in-house counsel on matters related to corporate law, securities regulation, civil and administrative procedure, real estate and land use law, utilities law, and environmental law.

#### **AWARDS**

Recognized by New England Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star" in Employment Law for 2013.