

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Craig R. Benson, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-03

An order directing a reduction in Executive Branch 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 [he] 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 projected state revenues for Fiscal Year 2004 are insufficient to fund state expenditures as authorized by Chapter 318, N.H. Laws of 2003; 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 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 executive branch expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG R. BENSON, 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, effective immediately:

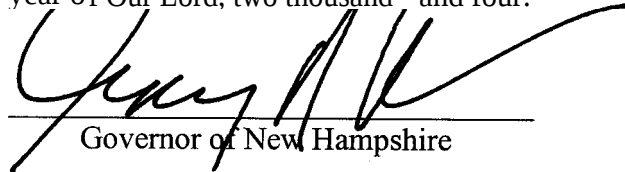
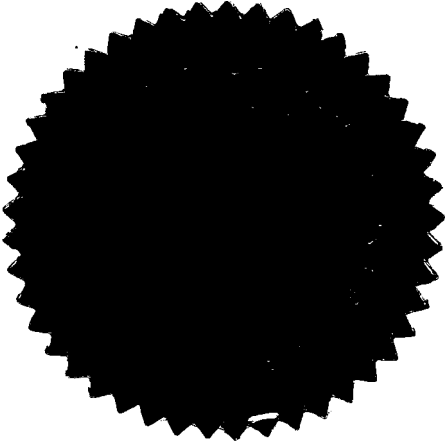
a. The General Fund appropriations as authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 for each department listed below are hereby reduced by the amount indicated.

PAU	AGENCY NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
01-04	014	Administrative Services	\$ 124,163
01-06	034	Cultural Resources	\$ 61,079
01-07	084	Revenue Administration	\$ 230,343
01-08	038	Treasury Department	\$ 320,000

PAU	AGENCY NUMBER	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
02-04	020	Justice (Attorney General)	\$ 98,688
02-15	023	Safety	\$ 77,694
03-03	035	Resources & Economic Dev.	\$ 603,000
04-01	096	Transportation	\$ 43,000
05-01		Health & Human Services	\$ 976,000
06-03	056	Education	\$ 184,449
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 2,718,416

The reductions directed by this order shall remain in effect until June 30, 2004 or until terminated under the provisions of RSA 9:16-a; provided, however, that individual exceptions to any of the above provisions may be requested for emergencies and unusual circumstances 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 24th of March, in the
year of Our Lord, two thousand and four.



Governor of New Hampshire