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

### Requested Item

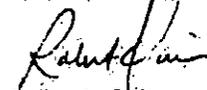
Pursuant to RSA 94:3, the Department of Safety, Office of the Commissioner, with the authorization of the Office of the Governor, respectfully requests approval of an annual salary step increase for Jennifer Harper, Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (unclassified position #9U533), in the amount of \$5,871.84 from Grade II, Step 5 (\$112,835.84) to Grade II, Step 6, with a new annual salary of \$118,707.68, effective April 9, 2021.

### Explanation

RSA 94:3 "Yearly Service Increases", states, in part, that "upon recommendation of the appointing authority, the holder of any position mentioned in RSA 94:1-a shall be entitled to an annual increase in salary amounting to 1/6 of the difference between the minimum and maximum salary for said position but in no case shall the total salary exceed the maximum as herein established".

Director Jennifer Harper was appointed to her position as Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) on June 5, 2019. Director Harper is charged with overseeing the state-level planning, preparation, response to, recovery from, and mitigation of all emergencies and disasters. This includes natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods and severe winter storms, and human-caused disasters, such as nuclear power plant accidents or chemical spills. Most recently Director Harper has worked tirelessly with the entire HSEM team to coordinate State, local, and private resources as part of the State of New Hampshire's response to COVID-19. Her demonstrated leadership and dedication supports the Department of Safety's mission to continually enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in New Hampshire through professional, collaborative, and innovative service to all.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Commissioner