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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council

State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 94:6, the Department of Administrative Services requests authority to place Margaret Blacker, Deputy Director, Division of Risk and Benefits, at Labor Grade GG, step six (\$104,260.00) in the unclassified system effective February 25, 2022.

EXPLANATION

Chapter 202 of the Laws 2021 provided for the conversion of this position from a classified position to an unclassified position. When a position is converted, the incumbent is placed at the labor grade nearest to but not less than his or her current salary.

Chapter 202 included eleven senior management positions which were converted from the classified to unclassified systems. Seven of them are currently occupied. Each position was evaluated and allocated according to the process outlined in RSA 94:1-d then reviewed and ratified by the Joint Committee on Employee Classification of the New Hampshire General Court.

The change was part of a standardization of the senior managerial structure of the Department affecting directors, deputy directors, and other analogous positions. Similar positions are now appointed in similar ways rather than, for example, some division directors being classified and others unclassified. After all the changes take place, 24 of the department's approximately 455 positions will be unclassified.

Respectfully submitted,

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