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January 25, 2023

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 94:6, authorization is requested to establish the entrance salary for the new Deputy State Treasurer, Lauren Warner, at Unclassified Salary Grade GG, Step 6, \$105,482 annually, effective February 10, 2023 and paid from account 01-38-38-380010-10500000-501098 (30% General Funds, 50% Intra-agency Transfer, 20% Transfer from Other Agency).

**EXPLANATION**

Treasury seeks to fill the Deputy State Treasurer position with a highly qualified candidate who comes with extensive experience in banking regulation, public administration, and compliance monitoring. Lauren Warner currently works at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification ("OPLC") where she serves as General Counsel. Prior to OPLC, Ms. Warner served at the Banking Department providing support on various Department matters, including legal and administrative support for the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool.

As appointed by the State Treasurer, the Deputy State Treasurer position is responsible for management and compliance in several areas, including the Abandoned Property program, fraud risk assessment, business continuity planning, monitoring legislation, and support of the State Treasurer on various statutory commissions. Established in RSA 6:21 with duties "as may be assigned by the treasurer", this official serves as an essential contributor in the stable functioning, business operations, and tactical planning of the Treasury.

Mr. Warner is leaving her General Counsel position, labor grade 32, step 8, with an annual salary of \$97,110, which is already higher than the minimum step in Grade GG of \$79,430. Additionally, pursuant to RSA 9:2, II, Ms. Warner would be entitled to a higher step, as she will be supervising a classified employee who is currently placed at labor grade 32, step 9 (\$101,283).

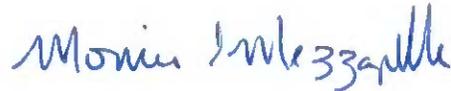
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The State Treasury continually faces challenges in the areas of monitoring and strengthening of internal controls. Ensuring that Treasury managers are provided with a qualified resource to address operational issues, and providing the necessary support due to the Treasurer's statutory committee obligations is critical to fulfill the responsibilities of the Treasury. Therefore, I respectfully request that the entrance salary of Ms. Warner be at Grade GG, step 6, \$105,482 annually.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica I. Mezzapelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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