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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Executive Order 2020-19 Progress Report

Dear Governor Sununu:

Executive Order 2020-19 directed this Office to implement certain recommendations of the New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT) within deadlines prescribed in Paragraph 8. Pursuant to Paragraph 20, I write to advise you of our progress.

## **Public Integrity Unit**

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As directed, I established a dedicated Public Integrity Unit within the Division of Public Protection, Criminal Justice Bureau. The Unit is charged with promoting a uniform approach to the investigation and prosecution of alleged crimes by government officials, including law enforcement officials.

Assistant Attorney General Timothy Sullivan will lead the Unit. He is exceptionally well-qualified. Attorney Sullivan joined this Office last December after eight years of prosecuting cases in the Strafford County Attorney's Office, the last two as Deputy County Attorney. As a prosecutor in our Criminal Justice Bureau, he has already assumed a leading role in an ongoing investigation of serious criminal allegations against government employees at the former Youth Development Center.

In addition, I have recommended that the Governor and Council approve the appointment of Attorney Dan Jimenez as an Attorney in this Office. If approved, Attorney Jimenez will join the Public Integrity Unit. Attorney Jimenez is also exceptionally qualified. He currently serves as an Assistant Attorney General in the White Collar and Public Integrity Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Before that, he spent six years as an Assistant District Attorney in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, where he was a founding member of the Diversity His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu October 30, 2020 Page 2 of 2

and Inclusion Internal Committee. Again, assuming a favorable vote by the Governor and Council, Attorney Jimenez will begin work in our Public Integrity Unit on November 30, 2020.

## **Community Outreach Position**

This Office is not staffed currently with a community outreach position to facilitate communication between state, county, and local prosecution offices and New Hampshire's diverse communities. Until a dedicated outreach position can be created and filled, that function will be performed as a collateral duty of the Public Integrity Unit attorneys. In the meantime, we are reviewing several options for filling a community outreach position.

## **Implicit Bias and Racial Profiling Training**

You directed this Office to take all necessary action to require certain training for all attorneys, investigators, legal staff and victim/witness advocates in the Attorney General or County Attorneys' Offices, all state agency attorneys, and all prosecutors—including police prosecutors. We will be hosting an Implicit Bias Training program on November 20, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The principal presenters will be Jarvis Parson, District Attorney of Brazos County, Texas, and James McKim, President of the Manchester NAACP. The training is mandatory for members of the Attorney General and County Attorneys' Offices.

We will present the program via WebEx in order to accommodate the largest possible audience. More than 275 attorneys, investigators, victim/witness advocates, and legal staff have already registered for the program. We will record it for rebroadcast to future hires or current employees unable to attend on the date scheduled.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Office's implementation of the LEACT recommendations. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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