As Acting Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion I, along with all the Council members, was shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of the Council's Chair, Rogers Johnson. Rogers has been a staple in the New Hampshire community for years. His service to the Granite State and commitment to making the state a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive place was tireless. He was a friend to many, and his presence, wisdom, and smile will be deeply missed in so many places around the state. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with Rogers's wife Poppy, his sons Jay and Jeremy, and all those who knew and loved him. New Hampshire is a better place for all because of Rogers's tireless work and he will be missed greatly. It now falls to all of us to build on the firm foundation he laid and continue his critical work.

- Dr. Dottie Morris