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

Re: Executive Order 2020-19 December 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. I write to provide the monthly progress report required in Paragraph 20.

1. Public Integrity Unit: The Executive Council voted on November 18, 2020, to approve the appointment of Dan Jimenez as an attorney in the Criminal Justice Bureau, Public Integrity Unit. On November 30, 2020, Attorney Jimenez joined Senior Assistant Attorney General Timothy Sullivan, whom I appointed to lead the Unit.

In our prioritized needs portion of the FY 2022-2023 budget, I requested two new attorney positions and funding for an existing investigator position to augment the current staffing level. I continue to assess the need for additional necessary resources necessary for the Unit. As directed by the Executive Order, I will submit this final funding request by December 7, 2020.

2. Community Outreach Coordinator: We have continued our efforts to establish a new community outreach position within the Office that will facilitate communication between state, county, and local prosecution offices and New Hampshire's diverse communities. I approved a proposed Supplemental Job Description for the new position, which should be classified as an Administrator IV. Within the next month, I will submit my request to create this position with the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Personnel. I anticipate it will be at least five months before the position can be advertised.

3. Implicit Bias Training: This Office conducted an Implicit Bias Training program on November 20, 2020. The principal presenters were District Attorney Jarvis Parson of Brazos County, Texas, and Mr. James McKim, President of the Manchester NAACP. The three-and-

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one-half hour block of instruction was presented via video conferencing and drew an audience of 600 prosecutors, investigators, legal staff, and victim-witness advocates in this Office and County Attorney Offices as well as other State agency attorneys and local prosecutors and police prosecutors. Participants were required to register in advance, and the video conferencing system generated a roster of actual attendees. We recorded the event for the benefit of any who were unable to participate on November 20 and those hired to begin work after that date. Viewing this training will be mandatory for all newly hired staff in this Office and for all assistant county attorneys. The thought-provoking program was extremely well received.

In accordance with your Executive Order, I will continue to provide monthly updates on our progress towards implementing these LEACT recommendations. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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