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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 by Paragraph 8. I write to provide a monthly progress report as required by Paragraph 20.

- 1. <u>Public Integrity Unit</u>: We are continuing efforts to recruit well-qualified attorneys to fill vacancies in the unit. The unit currently includes two attorneys. It will include five when optimally staffed. We have funding available to hire two additional attorneys. Remaining vacancies will be addressed after passage of the next biennial budget.
- 2. <u>Community Outreach Coordinator</u>: On February 3, 2021, the Executive Council approved reclassifying a vacant, classified position in order to create the Director of Community Outreach position recommended by LEACT. We immediately posted the vacancy on NH First for internal candidates. Three applicants were certified as meeting the required qualifications. We are reviewing those certified to determine suitability for interviews.
- 3. <u>Implicit Bias Training</u>: This LEACT recommendation has been fully implemented for all current Department of Justice (DOJ) and County Attorney employees and incorporated into the orientation and on-boarding process for all future hires. Inasmuch as the training requirement has been standardized into ongoing hiring practices, the recommendation may be considered as having been accomplished and will not be the subject of future monthly progress reports.

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DOJ will continue providing monthly updates on our progress towards implementing the LEACT Commission's recommendations. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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