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## Press Release



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### Governor Hassan Announces that She Will Resign as Governor Effective January 3, 2017

CONCORD - Following the precedent set by former Governor and Senator Judd Gregg, Governor Maggie Hassan today informed legislative leadership from both parties and Governor-elect Chris Sununu that she will resign at 11:59 p.m. on January 2, 2017, in advance of her swearing-in as a United States Senator on January 3.

Because she cannot be sworn into the U.S. Senate while holding another office, the Governor is following the precedent set by Governor Judd Gregg to maximize seniority, which helps ensure that Granite Staters have a strong voice in the U.S. Senate.

"Serving as Governor has been the privilege of a lifetime, and I am profoundly grateful that the people of New Hampshire entrusted me with this important responsibility for two terms," Governor Hassan said. "I am also deeply grateful to the people of New Hampshire for the great trust that you have once again bestowed upon me to represent you in the United States Senate, and I will work every day to honor it, building on the bipartisan progress that we have made in New Hampshire to expand middle class opportunity, support job-creating businesses and ensure that every Granite Stater who works hard can get ahead and stay ahead."

"This decision was not made lightly, but following historical precedent is the best course to protect New Hampshire's interests in the United States Senate," Governor Hassan said. "I have informed legislative leadership from both parties and Governor-elect Sununu of my intentions, and my office will continue working with them to ensure a smooth transition."

Effective midnight on January 3, 2017, Senate President Chuck Morse will be acting Governor until Governor-elect Sununu's inauguration on January 5.

As Governor, Governor Hassan has demonstrated a strong record of bipartisan, fiscally responsible leadership fighting for New Hampshire's hard-working families and supporting job-creating businesses. The Governor has maintained fiscal responsibility by passing two bipartisan, balanced budgets and growing the Rainy Day Fund to historic levels, expanded health care coverage to 50,000 hard-working Granite Staters through the New Hampshire Health Protection Program, held down the cost of higher education by freezing in-state tuition at the university system and lowering it at community colleges, and worked to implement a comprehensive strategy of supporting law enforcement and strengthening prevention, treatment and recovery in combating the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis.

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