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New Hampshire House and Senate Announce Plans for Early June Sessions

CONCORD, NH—Today the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate announced they will be returning for legislative sessions in the beginning of June. Committee and Commission meetings will continue remotely for the time being. In order to ensure the safety of members, staff, and the public, the Senate will meet in Representatives Hall and the House will meet at the Whittemore Center at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

After the announcement, Speaker of the House Stephen Shurtleff and Senate President Donna Soucy released the following statement:

“When we temporarily suspended legislative activities in mid-March, no one knew how long the state of emergency would last. We made the best decision we could to protect the health and safety of our members, our staff, and the public. We are proud of the work state representatives and senators have done during this time assisting constituents who have been impacted by this crisis and participating in statewide efforts to provide relief and recovery. And we are grateful for the continued incredible work of State House staff as we transitioned to a remote work environment.

While some legislative activities, including Committee and Commission meetings, have resumed work remotely, we understand it is important for the Legislature to resume session to complete the work that the people of New Hampshire elected us to do as well as provide important checks and balances to the state government during this crisis. We are committed to returning in a manner that ensures public access to the process and above all adheres to public health recommendations, which is why when the House and Senate come back into session next month we will be meeting outside of our respective chambers for the first time since the Civil War.

In the coming weeks, we will release additional information about the policies and procedures for reconvening the Legislature. Meanwhile, we appreciate everyone's cooperation, understanding, and of course the continued hard work of House, Senate, and Joint staff who make this all possible.”

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