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Dear Governing Body:

Recently the legislature enacted Chapter 20:6 of the Laws of 2017 providing a process for the authorization of actions taken at municipal meetings and elections that were delayed from their original March 14, 2017 date. The effective date of the law is April 21, 2017.

If your municipality delayed an election or meeting due to the weather on that date, or if the city or town that holds elections on your behalf delayed your election, there is now a procedure for you to follow in order to legalize, ratify and confirm the results. The following excerpt from the law provides you with the details of that procedure:

Chapter 20:6, Laws of 2017:

“ . . .

IV. All actions, votes, and proceedings, held at any town election, town meeting, school district election, school district meeting, village district election, or village district meeting, that was scheduled to take place March 14, 2017, but was postponed due to weather and was held at a later date, may be legalized, ratified, and confirmed by the governing body of the political subdivision following a properly noticed public hearing. For the purpose of this paragraph "properly noticed" shall mean 72 hours advance notice of the hearing printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the town or district and on the public body's Internet website, if one exists.

V. The decision of the governing body to legalize, ratify, and confirm the prior actions shall be in writing and shall be posted in the same manner as the results of the election, town meeting, school district election, school district meeting, village district election, or village district meeting, as the case may be.”

When your town, school district or village district utilizes these provisions, the Department of Revenue Administration requests that you provide us with:

- A copy of the minutes of the meeting which recorded the vote of this decision; and,
- A copy of the posted decision of the governing body.

For your convenience, these may be forwarded to your municipal accounts auditor.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in collecting this important information.

Sincerely,

Stephan W. Hamilton, Director
Municipal and Property Division

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire, pursuant to Chapter 20 (HB 329) of the 2017 legislative session, hereby legalizes, ratifies and confirms all actions, votes and proceedings held at the 2017 annual Town meeting which was postponed due to a weather emergency.

This action is taken after a properly noticed public hearing, said notice having been published in the Exeter News Letter, and having been posted on the Town's website 72 hours prior to this action.


A true attested copy of this Resolution will be posted at the place of the annual Town meeting, with like copies to be posted at 10 Front Street (Town Offices), 9 Front Street (Town Hall), 30 Linden Street (Talbot Gymnasium), 1 Blue Hawk Drive (Exeter High School), Exeter Public Library, Exeter Town Clerk's Office, and on the Town's website, with the original to be delivered to the Town Clerk.

Given under our hands on May 8th, 2017.

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Exeter**

The Exeter Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nowak Room of the Town Offices, 10 Front Street, Exeter, NH for the following purpose:

1. Ratification of March 16, 2017 Town Election Results

Don Clement, Chairman
Exeter Selectboard
April 28, 2017

