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LEE, N.H. -- J. Bonnie Newman will return to the University of New Hampshire on June 30, 2006 as interim president. The Executive Committee of the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed the recommendation from Chancellor Stephen J. Reno today to appoint Ms. Newman as interim president. During her career, she has held prominent leadership positions in government, higher education, and the private sector, and will return to the university where she started her professional career.

Ms. Newman will formally take over upon the departure of Dr. Ann Weaver Hart, who is stepping down from the UNH presidency to become the next president of Temple University. The search for a new president will begin in June and Ms. Newman is expected to serve as the interim president until a candidate has been selected and begins serving in this capacity. She is not going to be a candidate for the permanent position.

"Having begun my professional career at the University of New Hampshire more than 30 years ago, it is a profound honor to return in this capacity. I am grateful to the chancellor and to the University System Board of Trustees for their confidence in me," Ms. Newman said. "I look forward with great enthusiasm to working energetically with the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and members of the greater UNH community."

She has devoted many years of her career to higher education, including service at UNH as the assistant dean of students from 1969 to 1972, dean of students from 1972-1978, and interim dean of the Whittemore School of Business and Economics from 1998-1999. She also served as the executive dean at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government from 2000-2005. She is chairman of the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors.

"The University's immediate need is for an interim president who is well acquainted with public higher education, with the mission of UNH, and with the operations of the University System, New Hampshire State Government, and related entities, businesses, and organizations. Ms. Newman brings just such a distinctive set of skills, interests, and experiences," commented Chancellor Reno.

Ms. Newman is most known for her involvement in national politics, having served in the Reagan and Bush administrations. From 1989 until 1991 she served as assistant to the president for management and administration, where she oversaw all administrative operations for the White House and Executive Office of the President. She also served as assistant secretary of commerce for economic development under the Reagan Administration. Earlier she served as associate director of the Office of Presidential Personnel at the White

House and chief of staff for New Hampshire Congressman Judd Gregg.

In the private sector, Ms. Newman has been active as an investor in the financing and development of early stage entrepreneurial opportunities. She also served as president of the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association and the New England Council. Ms. Newman is a director of Citizens Advisors, Lumina Foundation, Markem Corporation, and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. A resident of North Hampton, New Hampshire, she received her B.A. degree in sociology from St. Joseph's College and her M.Ed. degree in higher education administration from Pennsylvania State University. She has honorary degrees from Rivier College, Notre Dame College, Keene State College, St. Joseph's College, and New Hampshire College.

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