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New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) Announces Margaret Byrnes as New Executive Director

The NHMA Board of Directors announced today that Margaret Byrnes has been named the association's new Executive Director.

Byrnes, who currently serves as NHMA's Staff Attorney, will assume the Executive Director role at NHMA on January 1, 2019. "The Board voted unanimously to name Margaret our next Executive Director," said Brent Lemire, NHMA Board Chair and Town of Litchfield Selectman. "Margaret has been a wonderful asset to our organization. She knows our members, she knows the law, and she knows our organization. We believe she is the right person to move the New Hampshire Municipal Association forward."

"I am humbled by the Board's decision to appoint me as the next Executive Director and excited for the future of NHMA," Margaret said. "I look forward to continuing to work closely with our municipal members and forging strong relationships for the benefit of our local government and the critical role it plays in our State."

Prior to joining NHMA in 2014, Margaret was an attorney at Hage Hodes, P.A., in Manchester. She is the chair of the Municipal and Governmental Law Section of the New Hampshire Bar Association and has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University School of Law, Suffolk Law School, and The Massachusetts School of Law.

Margaret takes over for Judy A. Silva who has worked at NHMA almost 27 years, including the last five years as executive director.

About NHMA. *The New Hampshire Municipal Association is a non-profit, non-partisan association working to strengthen New Hampshire cities and towns and their ability to serve the public as a member-funded, member-governed and member-driven association, in operation since 1941. NHMA serves as a resource for information, education and legal services, and advocates for municipal interests before the New Hampshire legislature.*