North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

From: Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary
Timothy D. Moose, Chief Deputy Secretary

Brandeshawn Harris, Interim Commissioner of Prisons Brandeshawn Harris

Denne Jackson Denise B. Jackson, Central Prison Warden

Re: Report on Status of Execution Team

Date: September 27, 2022

N.C.G.S. 15-190, which governs procedures related to the execution of people against whom the death sentence has been pronounced, requires the warden to report on certain execution procedures. Specifically, G.S. 15-190(b) provides as follows:

(b) The warden shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by April 1, 2014, and thereafter on October 1 of each year, on the status of the persons required by subsection (a) of this section to be named and designated by the warden to execute death sentences under this Article. The report shall confirm that the required persons are properly trained and ready to serve as an execution team. Alternatively, the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety may direct that the reports required under this subsection be made on other dates consistent with the Committee's schedule.

Pursuant to the statute, this memorandum serves to confirm that Warden Denise B. Jackson has selected and assembled appropriate personnel to serve as an execution team, and that all members of the execution team have been properly trained and are ready to perform their duties as directed and as required by law.

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