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His Excellency John Lynch  
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Dear Governor Lynch:

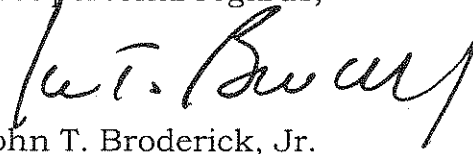
After much reflection, I have decided to step down from the New Hampshire Supreme Court effective November 30, 2010, after fifteen years of service here and return to private professional life. I wanted to provide you with the earliest possible notice and will later provide my formal notice under RSA 493:3. It has been a genuine honor to serve on this Court, particularly as Chief Justice during the last six years. During my tenure, with the help of many others, I have tried to do all I could to make justice more accessible, affordable and understandable for all our citizens. I believe my colleagues and I have made real progress.

For many reasons, some personal and some professional, I have decided to return to the private sector and re-connect with a former life I so much enjoyed. I have always believed in the importance of public service and for a lawyer it would be hard to find a better way to give back than to serve on the state's highest court. The challenges confronting the state courts remain daunting, but I am confident that the talented and hardworking judges, masters and staff who will remain following my departure are more than capable of meeting them.

I will always be grateful to Governors Merrill and Benson who gave me the opportunity to not only serve in the judicial branch but to lead it. But my life has taught me that change is good and the time seems right. It was never my intent to stay too long. As I prepare to leave this extraordinary position of public trust, I am confident that the Supreme Court remains in very capable hands. I look forward to many vital professional years ahead.

On a personal note, please know I have always appreciated your many kindnesses and courtesies over the years.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Broderick, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John T. Broderick, Jr.  
Chief Justice

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