

**AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNDER THE NATIONAL URBAN/RURAL FELLOWS MENTORING PROGRAM CLASS OF 2002**

**(Cheryl Dawson)**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the acceptance of a Special Assistant under the National Urban/Rural Fellows Mentoring Program, Class of 2002, assigned to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Mr. Cheryl Dawson, National Urban/Rural Fellow, Class of 2002/2003, will be assigned by National Urban/Rural Fellows, Inc. to work in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer during the period of September 3, 2002 through May 30, 2003. The Chief Executive Officer will serve as a mentor to Mr. Dawson as part of a fellowship program that will lead Mr. Dawson to a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

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**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any required action.