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Civil Defense -
Maine

State of Maine
Executive Department
Augusta, Maine

EXECUTIVE ORDER—NO. 41

Whereas, under authority of Section 1, Chapter 305, of the Public Laws of 1941, approved January 21, 1942, and entitled "AN ACT to Create the Maine Civilian Defense Corps and Provide for the Safety of the State in Time of War," the Governor is empowered and directed to provide for the security, health, and welfare of the people of the state, including the Civilian Defense of the state and to cooperate with the Federal Government; and

Whereas, the military situation in respect to the external defense of this state no longer requires the retention of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps on an active basis; and

Whereas, the people of this state have become accustomed, under the effective leadership of the State, County and Municipal heads of the Citizens Service Corps, a part of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps, to cooperate loyally with Federal and State agencies in those civilian war activities so important to the success of the war effort; and

Whereas, in the interests of economy it is desirable to reduce the expenses of the State Civilian Defense organization so far as is consistent with the safety of our people and their effective participation in war activities.

Now, therefore, I, HORACE HILDRETH, Governor of Maine, by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby issue this Executive Order,

1. All branches of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps, with the exception of the Emergency Medical Services and the Forest Fire Fighters Service, shall as of March 1, 1945, be placed upon an inactive status.
2. In accordance with the suggestion from the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, no unit of the Corps shall be disbanded.
3. At the request of the Military Authorities or of the Federal Government all units of the Corps inactivated by this Order shall be subject to reactivation by Executive Order of the Governor.
4. All Executive Orders previously issued imposing duties on the Maine Civilian Defense Corps or its Director are suspended on and after March 1, 1945.
5. The Director of Civilian Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary to carry out this Order.

Horace Hildreth

Governor of Maine

February 21, 1945