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DESIGNATION OF NON-SMOKING AREAS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, recent medical evidence released by the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service shows that non-smokers are or can be exposed to certain health hazards as a result of exposure to tobacco smoke in their environment, and

WHEREAS, both smokers and non-smokers have a right to a choice with respect to their environment, and

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WHEREAS, State agencies should act affirmatively to designate and identify both working and leisure areas in public buildings that offer this choice,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, direct all agency heads to identify, wherever feasible, non-smoking areas for employees who choose to work in a smoke free environment. These may include:

- 1. Work areas as well as conference and meeting rooms.
- 2. Cafeteria and employee lounge areas where space permits.
- Certain public areas within State buildings.

The Bureau of Public Improvements shall cooperate with agency heads in appropriately identifying non-smoking areas.

All State employees are requested to cooperate with nonsmoking designations.

Governor