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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR NO. 2 FY 77/78

DATE August 11, 1977

STATE OF MAINE HOUSING POLICIES

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is confronted with unresolved housing issues;

WHEREAS, many Maine residents cannot afford to purchase a conventionally financed home;

WHEREAS, Maine relies heavily on federal housing dollars to address its housing needs and such dollars are allocated in the absence of any State guidance;

WHEREAS, there continues to exist substandard housing units and units in need of major repair;

WHEREAS, many Maine families lack the necessary income to make needed home repairs;

WHEREAS, the State of Maine must ensure that the home buying consumer needs to be adequately informed about housing decisions;

WHEREAS, the State of Maine must ensure that all of its citizens, regardless of income, have access to safe, decent and sanitary housing;

WHEREAS, the need exists to develop a coordinated housing service delivery system at all levels of government; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Maine must establish overall goals and policies aimed at meeting our housing needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order that the housing policies for the State of Maine will be as prescribed in the plan entitled "Public Policy and Maine Housing" dated August, 77.

JAMES B. LONGLEY

Governor