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AN ORDER TO ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT **OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, all Maine residents having lawful status are entitled to fair treatment by state officials and access to state services:

WHEREAS, certain prior Executive Orders may have created the impression that Maine was a so-called "sanctuary state" for those who are in the United States without lawful status;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Administration to promote rather than hinder the enforcement of federal immigration law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, under the power vested in me, hereby order as follows:

- 1. Executive Order 13 FY 04/05, dated April 9, 2004, and Executive Order 34 FY 04/05, dated February 28, 2005, are hereby rescinded, effective immediately.
- 2. Employees and officials of the State of Maine shall cooperate with employees and officials of the federal government on all matters pertinent to immigration, subject only to any limitations imposed by statutory law or by the Constitutions of Maine or the United States.

The effective date of this Executive Order is January 6, 2011.

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