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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 3-71
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TO: ALL STATE INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

WHEREAS, air pollution has become a world wide problem and the principal polluters must accept their share of responsibility, and

WHEREAS, the gasoline powered engine contributes greatly to the total air pollution, and

WHEREAS, the scientific community states that pollution due to gasoline engine exhausts could be reduced significantly by burning low lead or lead free gasoline in these engines, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has directed that all federal gasoline powered vehicles, when feasible, use "low lead (0.5 gram/gallon)" or "lead free" gasoline, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that Maine State Government sets an example in pollution abatement and encourages the major oil suppliers to make "low lead" and "lead free" gasoline more generally available,

I, THEREFORE, direct that all state institutions and agencies, from this time until this directive is rescinded, wherever possible and practical, use low lead or lead free gasoline in all gasoline operated equipment, with consideration given to the feasibility of using low octane ratings in certain high compression engines. All new purchases of gasoline operated equipment should be requested with engines that can use low lead or lead free gasoline economically and efficiently.

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Governor of Maine