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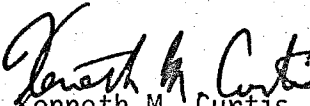
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WHEREAS, jury duty is an important civil obligation of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, State employees should be no more exempt from this obligation than any other citizen; and

WHEREAS, reports have been received from the Kennebec County Superior Court that State department heads are routinely seeking release from jury duty for their employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, direct that all State department heads should refrain from seeking release from jury duty for their employees except when circumstances make the services of the employee summoned for jury duty truly indispensable. If any letter is sent to the Court requesting that an employee be released from jury duty, a copy of that letter should be sent to the Governor's office.

  
Kenneth M. Curtis  
Governor of Maine