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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 6
DATE January 26, 1972

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this administration to encourage the development of a planning and development system in which Federal, State and local interests work together in the proper planning and development of the State as authorized by existing provisions of the law, and

WHEREAS, The Act Relating to Regional Planning and The Establishment of Regional Councils of Governments as codified in Title 30, Chapter 239, Sections 4501-4503, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, authorizes the Governor to designate regional planning and development districts, and

WHEREAS, the Governor through the State Planning Office has obtained information from the State departments, regional planning commissions and other affected or interested agencies or parties concerning the delineation of district boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, in its efforts to improve inter-governmental relations, has been recently requiring the use, insofar as possible, of coterminous boundaries for planning the various federally assisted programs within the states, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable to establish and preserve the eligibility of State agencies, Regional Planning Commissions and local governments to participate in the Federal assistance programs and any others that may be instituted from time to time, and also to provide a framework of organization which will eliminate duplication and confusion, and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Office has delineated eight proposed planning and development districts reflecting physical, economic and human resources relationships encompassing the entire area of Maine,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order and direct that the said Districts, as delineated by the State Planning Office, be and hereby are officially established for the aforesaid purposes, and direct

that all State agencies within the Executive Branch of government shall take the regional alignment into consideration in the establishment and revision of all applicable regional state programs.

Further, I hereby direct the heads of the State departments and agencies to submit a written report no later than October 1, 1972 to the Director of the State Planning Office indicating the measures taken to comply with this Order. Where the head of any department or agency deems it not feasible for his department or agency to conform to these official district boundaries for planning purposes, he shall detail in the report the reasons for this infeasibility, and shall propose alternative regional boundaries which shall adhere to the official boundaries insofar as possible. This report shall include a departmental review of field services and operations detailing the extent to which it would be desirable and possible to administer these services and operations on the basis of the districts established by this Order. The Director of the State Planning Office shall recommend to me alternative regional boundaries if such an alternative is clearly justified.

In addition, any Regional Planning Commission, local government unit or other interested agency or individual may submit recommendations on the feasibility of these districts to the Director of the State Planning Office. Such recommendations shall be considered in any recommendations for alternative regional boundaries.

Accordingly, the eight planning and development districts as now constituted are shown on the attached map, and as regions may be changed from time to time by the Governor of Maine.

As shown on this map, the following planning commissions will operate in these respective planning jurisdictions:

<u>Regional Planning Commission</u>	<u>Planning Jurisdiction</u>
Androscoggin Valley	Androscoggin District
Bath-Brunswick	Southern part of Mid-Coastal District
Greater Portland Council of Governments	Cumberland District
Hancock County	Hancock County section of Eastern Maine District
Knox County	Eastern Section of Mid-Coastal District
North Kennebec	Northern part of the Kennebec District
Northern Maine	Northern Maine District
Penobscot Valley	Penobscot District
Southern Kennebec Valley	Southern part of the Kennebec District
Washington County	Washington County section of Eastern Maine District
York County	Southern Maine District

The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission will, under legislation recently enacted by the 105th Maine Legislature, have jurisdiction over the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State. The Maine Land Use Commission and the respective Regional Planning Commissions will mutually cooperate to accomplish the objectives of sound planning and land use control for the entire State, within these planning districts.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth M. Curtis".

Kenneth M. Curtis
Governor of Maine

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DISTRICTS and their COMPREHENSIVE
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