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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 14
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EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND REQUIRING INVESTIGATIONS INTO POSSIBLE
RENTAL HOUSING ABUSES

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 10, dated March 28, 1973, I created a Committee on Rent and Sub-Standard Housing, and directed that Committee to investigate rent increases and sub-standard housing conditions in the State of Maine and to make recommendations to me for action in those areas; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1973, that Committee reported to me, among other things, that "Substantial and wide-spread rent increases since January 11, 1973, have caused dislocation and severe financial hardships among Maine tenants;" and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that various State agencies and departments should take action immediately to investigate specific abuses with a view to negotiating remedies among affected parties or to initiating court action to correct abuses in the area of housing; and

WHEREAS, there exists a severe and extreme shortage of suitable rental housing in Maine, particularly for elderly and retired citizens and inhabitants of fixed and limited incomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, do hereby proclaim a state of public emergency in the State of Maine with respect to the availability of suitable rental housing, particularly for elderly and retired persons of fixed and limited incomes, and direct the following named departments, in close consultation with the Committee and the Attorney General, to immediately carry out a detailed investigation to determine what may be done to alleviate the emergency situation and a detailed investigation of the following alleged abuses

The Department of Health and Welfare:


Oral and written reports that certain landlords are renting sub-standard housing units to recipients of monies or services under programs run by the Department.

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The Maine State Housing Authority:

Oral and written reports that certain landlords and management companies have raised rents since January 11, 1973, so extensively as to warrant an investigation into the conscionability and legality of said increases and an investigation of conditions in the units whose rentals have been increased.

The named agencies and departments shall report to me periodically the results of, or progress in said investigation.


KENNETH M. CURTIS, GOVERNOR