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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
IN THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Commerce and Industry has been established "to enhance the economic and social well-being of the people of Maine by assisting and promoting economic and community development, activities and opportunities; by encouraging new enterprises and the expansion of proven existing enterprises and activities seeking ultimately the improvement in both the quality and quantity of job opportunities and community services", and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Department under its pre-existing and continuing statute (MRS, Title 10, Chap. 101, § 552) is charged with the power and duty, viz., "shall promote and assist the efforts of local communities, community officials and community and regional organizations in working for the economic and social improvement of such areas", and

WHEREAS, implementation of the above statutory program has been in operation for the past three years, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Industry on July 1, 1972, administratively appointed a Municipal Coordinator and established a Bureau of Community Affairs to carry out the above statutory authorizations,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby confirm and establish the said actions as executive policy of my administration and direct that, in coordination with the State Planning Office, the above-established Bureau of Community Affairs in the Department of Commerce and Industry, be authorized to negotiate, consult with and otherwise coordinate for the State of Maine the several programs concerned with community affairs which are now, or may in the future, be administered by the several Federal agencies concerned with community affairs and interests.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This Order is intended to comply with the requests of several Federal agencies to establish a central point in State Government for the overseeing and supervisory advice and coordination of Federal grant programs, such as HUD Title VIII and the Rural Development Act of 1972; all such activities to be coordinated with and overviewed by the State Planning Office with special reference to its Project Notification and Review System (State Clearing House).

[Handwritten signature of Kenneth M. Curtis]
Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor