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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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Establishment of a Special Assistant
for Revenue Sharing in the Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, the establishment of a meaningful Revenue Sharing program for Maine is vital in order to provide relief from the overly burdensome real estate tax and offer support for high priority needs as determined by local citizens within the broad federal guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor is committed to the support of the Revenue Sharing concept and has pledged full assistance toward the assurance of a successful program of Revenue Sharing for the State of Maine, and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens have cherished their right to "Home Rule" and preserved the historical "Maine Town Meeting" which offers one of the purest forms of democracy in existence in today's complex world, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds directly to Maine towns and cities carries with it new authority and new responsibility which will challenge local leadership to meet the many problems and potentials of the day as seen by the local voter, and

WHEREAS, certain assurances must be made and reviewed by the Office of the Governor under the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do establish within the Office of the Governor the position of "Special Assistant for Revenue Sharing":

1. to receive the assurances which section 123 of the Revenue Sharing Act requires to be submitted for gubernatorial review and comment;
2. to assist, as requested and required, those communities for which compliance with the technical aspects of the Revenue Sharing Act will be especially difficult; and

3. to coordinate the availability of information and counsel from the several departments of state government to assist communities as they might request in planning and implementation of revenue sharing expenditure programs.



Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor