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FUEL CONTROL UNIT

WHEREAS, there exists in the United States an inadequate supply of petroleum products to supply the existing and projected needs of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has imposed a system whereby available supplies of petroleum products are allocated to each state on the basis of consumption in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the costs of petroleum products have been escalated by forces beyond the control of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the principal suppliers of motor vehicle fuels and engine lubricants to the State of Maine for official vehicles of the various departments have notified the State that a continuance of delivery at the necessary levels can only be maintained in the form of large single quantity, bulk deliveries; and

WHEREAS, the economics of supply and demand have dictated a need for centralized control of available and allocated supplies of motor vehicle fuels and engine lubricants; and

WHEREAS, centralized control with increased storage capacity is a means of insuring that adequate supplies of motor fuels and lubricants are maintained for use during periods of emergency or temporary shortages; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the establishing of a centralized control will result in a savings to the State of Maine in the cost of procuring motor fuels and lubricants and will contribute to a more efficient and economical operation within State government; and

WHEREAS I, as Governor of the State of Maine must insure supplies of petroleum products allocated for use of the official agencies of the State of Maine, are controlled in a manner which will insure that the best interests of the citizens of the State are served in the most economical manner;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby direct that the Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a Fuel Control Unit within the Motor Transport Service of the Department of Transportation, to have

primary responsibility for the allocation and control of motor vehicle fuels and lubricants intended for the official use of agencies of the State of Maine and to have such further responsibilities in the control and allocation of all petroleum products used by official state agencies as I may from time to time direct.


KENNETH M. CURTIS