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STATE GOVERNMENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA CENTER

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater public accessibility to general, social and economic data as well as for consistency in data used for federal grant application purposes; and

WHEREAS, many state agencies collect data for internal uses and lack the manpower and/or financial means to reconstitute and distribute the data for wider public usage; and

WHEREAS, it is a proper activity of government to collect and produce statistical data, yet confusion is caused when more than one State agency produces basic data and projections in the same subject area; and

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Report of the Commission on Maine's Future recommended establishment of a central State data bank with standardized data collection and an accurate and timely reporting system; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has plans to designate a Census Data Center in an officially recognized, experienced data agency in each State to decentralize many census public information services, and there is no such designated agency in Maine at present; and

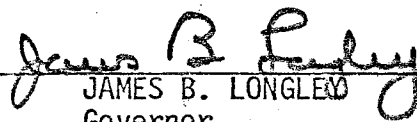
WHEREAS, the State Planning Office has developed an extensive socio-economic information system in meeting its requirement - under Title 5 MRSA, Section 3305 - to collect and collate all data pertinent to the economy and resources of Maine and to participate in establishing a data and statistics center for making such material available in useful form;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate the State Planning Office as the Maine State Government Socio-economic Data Center with responsibility to collect and disseminate general socio-economic statistical information and to form such data user and advisory groups as necessary to advise on data standards, new information desirability and availability, data distribution methods, methodologies and possible fee schedules. Such data user and advisory groups shall include representatives from State agencies contributing and/or receiving Data Center information.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all State Government agencies cooperate in making available such selected records, files, computer tapes or other statistical data, in raw form, and advising on confidentiality safeguards, as the State Planning Office shall request in fulfilling the responsibilities of this Executive Order. The Data Center, as resources permit, in its role as a centralized source of general socio-economic information, shall reconstitute other State agencies statistical data on request where such data has potential

value for wider public usage, and will make all its data resources available to other State agencies as well as the general public. The center shall also analyze the data collected using methodologies developed in cooperation with appropriate agencies.

This Executive Order does not alter any existing data collection, processing or reporting responsibilities of the Bureau of Central Computer Services or any other State Government agency.


JAMES B. LONGLEY
Governor

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