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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AT ALL STATE EXECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS

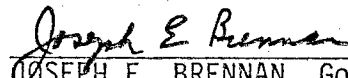
WHEREAS, medical evidence released by the U. S. Public Health Service indicates that non-smokers are vulnerable to certain health hazards as a result of exposure to tobacco smoke in their environment; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of the State of Maine are unable to attend or to fully participate in State proceedings because of the presence of tobacco smoke offensive to them; and

WHEREAS, public health would be promoted and public participation in the official business of the State would be encouraged by a ban on smoking at public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, direct that smoking shall be banned at all Executive proceedings. These Executive proceedings shall include those public proceedings conducted by any Executive department, agency, board, commission or other authority to which the public is invited.

This Executive Order shall be read by the presiding officer at each State Executive proceeding during the first four months following promulgation of this Order, and thereafter when he may deem it advisable to do so.



JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor