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PROVIDING FOR THE COOPERATION OF ALL STATE GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES WITH THE REFUGEE COORDINATOR
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, there is a small, but significant population of refugees in this State; and

WHEREAS, refugees need the help and cooperation of all branches of government to become adjusted to a new life in this country; and


WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is the lead agency for helping refugees adjust and become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has authorized a position for a Refugee Coordinator in the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, this position is needed to coordinate, monitor, and review all programs and funds expended on refugees in this State; and

WHEREAS, most branches of State government will be affected in some way by the influx of refugees in this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order that the Refugee Coordinator, under the supervision of Mr. Peter Walsh, Director, Bureau of Resource Development, Department of Human Services, be empowered to have full responsibility for administering all refugee programs and funds in this State. All Departments and Agencies of this State will cooperate fully with reasonable requests from the Refugee Coordinator.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor