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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 10FY 81/82  
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AGENT ORANGE

WHEREAS, the chemical defoliant Agent Orange was sprayed in South Viet Nam during the Viet Nam War; and

WHEREAS, the long-term health effects of exposure to Agent Orange have yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the determination of any long-term health effects is dependent upon data received from the Agent Orange Screening Examinations offered at the Veterans Administration Center at Togus; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that less than 1,000 of the 16,000 Maine citizens who may have been exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Viet Nam have obtained examinations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine do hereby proclaim that all Viet Nam Combat Veterans employed by the State are granted administrative leave through the normal process to obtain an Agent Orange Screening Examination at the Veterans Administration Center, and I encourage all other employers in the State to offer their Viet Nam veteran employees the same opportunity.

  
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JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Governor