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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 11 FY 90/91
DATE February 13, 1991

TEMPORARY LAYOFF OF STATE EMPLOYEES
BALANCE OF FY '91

WHEREAS, the national economy entered a period of general recession in November of 1990; and

WHEREAS, this national economic recession has led the economy of Maine and the northeast to perform significantly below expectations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect a reduction in expenses without significantly interrupting public services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to minimize the number of additional State employees subject to lay off on a permanent basis; and

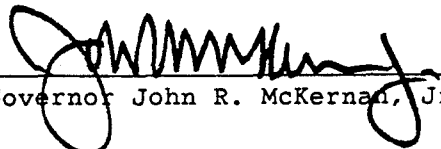
WHEREAS, a careful review and analysis of available alternatives has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine do hereby order that the following measures be taken to reduce expenses within State government:

- A. Beginning February 24, 1991, all State employees will be laid off without pay for a total of three (3) workdays prior to June 1, 1991, with certain exceptions described in the policies and procedures to be issued by the Department of Administration;
- B. To the extent it is not possible to temporarily layoff essential service State employees for an entire workday in accordance with Section A above, such employees may be temporarily laid off for an equivalent amount of time; and,
- C. The Department of Administration is hereby directed to issue policies and procedures as may be necessary to implement and assure compliance with this Executive Order.

I urge other branches of State government to adopt similar measures to assist in achieving a balanced budget for FY 91 without resorting to further permanent layoffs.

This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect through June 30, 1991, unless specifically amended, terminated, or extended by Executive Order.


Governor John R. McKernan, Jr.