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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
ONEMAINE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, our vision is a vibrant and sustainable economy providing a high quality of life for all Maine citizens; and

WHEREAS, economic disparities among regions of the state adversely impact that quality of life for some regions; and

WHEREAS, achieving the goal of a strong and sustainable economy across all regions of Maine calls for an investment strategy that focuses on education, infrastructure, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, effective solutions to address Maine's economic disparities require a partnership between representatives from the regional economic development districts, state government, federal agencies and the private sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Angus S. King, Jr., hereby establish the OneMaine Advisory Council ("Council") as follows:

1. Purpose and Charge

The Council shall:

- a. Serve as a forum for integrating regional comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDS) and coordinating state, federal, and regional efforts to:
 - Promote educational opportunities to transition Maine people into the new marketplace and instill life-long learning.
 - Enhance entrepreneurial capacity statewide.
 - Support development of modern state-of-the-art infrastructure throughout the state.

- b. Serve as an independent advisory body to the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and the Governor on matters of regional economic disparities; and
- c. Develop criteria by January 15, 2002, for prioritization of specific regional projects as outlined in the regional economic development strategies; and
- d. Make recommendations by March 15, 2002, based on the regional economic development strategies to the Governor, Commissioner, federal agencies and congressional delegation for project funding to address regional economic disparities; and
- e. Make recommendations by May 15, 2002, for increased coordination of state and federal resources to assist the implementation of prioritized regional projects.

2. Membership

The Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development shall appoint up to 25 members of the Council and shall include representatives of the following organizations: the economic development districts designated by the Economic Development Administration; regional or statewide special interest groups that are vested in economic development as designed by the Commissioner; the Maine State Chamber of Commerce; representatives from the business community; the Small Business Administration; Rural Development; Economic Development Administration; and Housing and Urban Development. Representatives from Maine's Congressional Delegation are invited to attend. Dana Connors of the Maine State Chamber and Barry McCrum of Time-Warner Cable will serve as co-chairs.

3. Meetings

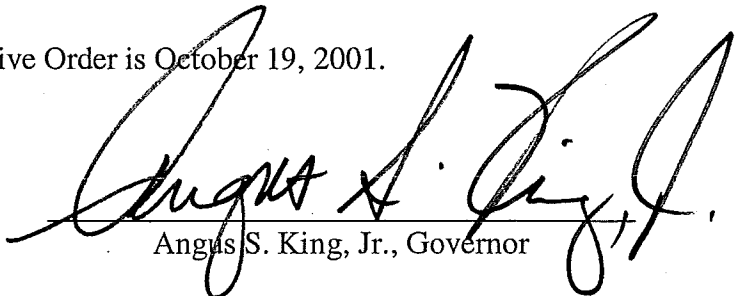
The Council shall meet quarterly or as needed at such times and locations specified by the co-chairs. The co-chairs may appoint subcommittees or take such other administrative actions as they deem necessary to accomplish the work of the Council.

4. Resources and Support

The Council shall be supported and staffed by the membership. The Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide interim support within its existing budgeted resources.

5. Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is October 19, 2001.



Angus S. King, Jr., Governor