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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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**PROCUREMENT OF FUEL EFFICIENT,
LESS POLLUTING VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Governor, as the state's Chief Executive, has oversight responsibility for agency actions; and

WHEREAS, the CLEAN GOVERNMENT Initiative directs state agencies to meet applicable environmental compliance requirements and to incorporate environmentally sustainable practices into all state government functions; and

WHEREAS, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers encourage the purchase and use of cleaner, more efficient vehicles in jurisdictional fleets; and

WHEREAS, air pollution has serious adverse health and environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector contributes significantly to emissions of ozone forming pollutants, air toxics and greenhouse gases; and

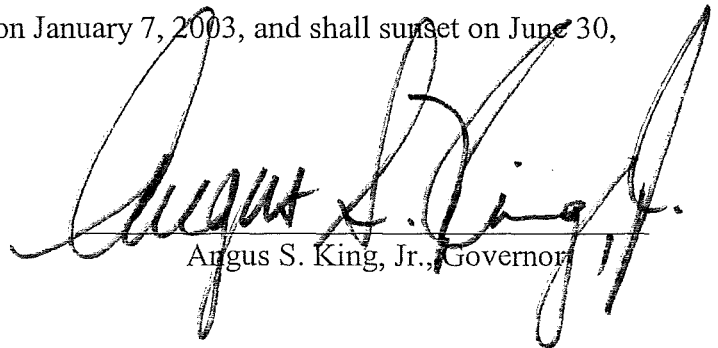
WHEREAS, energy efficiency contributes to energy security by reducing dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, state government is required to promote procurement of clean, energy efficient state fleet vehicles which will beneficially impact air emissions, greenhouse gas emissions, and the promotion of new technologies; and

WHEREAS, state government operates fleet vehicles which contribute to emissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Angus S. King, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby order the agencies of the State of Maine as follows:

1. Agencies shall evaluate their current fleet to determine vehicle need, age, and efficiency, eliminate unnecessary vehicles and when replacement of existing vehicles is necessary, provided that replacement is cost effective and within agency resources, said replacement shall be undertaken in accordance with the following standards:
 - Subcompact and compact sedans shall be replaced with gasoline-electric hybrid technology vehicles; and
 - All other passenger vehicles shall meet a 30 miles per gallon or greater fuel efficiency (highway) rating and be certified as an ultra-low emission vehicle or cleaner.
2. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection shall evaluate heavier duty vehicles, such as trucks and sport utility vehicles, and recommend to the Governor purchasing criteria for fuel efficiency and emissions standards for such vehicles by January 1, 2004.
3. In addition to fuel efficiency, agencies shall promote the procurement of dedicated alternative fuel vehicles and dual-fuel vehicles and fueling infrastructures to support such vehicles.
4. Where fuel efficiency is equivalent, agencies shall give preference to the purchase of vehicles with the lowest certified emissions.
5. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall ensure these practices are reflected in the administrative purchasing policies and procedures of the state no later than January 15, 2003.
6. The Department of Environmental Protection shall assist state agencies in identifying low emission and energy efficient vehicles.
7. This Executive Order is effective on January 7, 2003, and shall sunset on June 30, 2007.



Angus S. King, Jr., Governor