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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER DECLARING MACHIAS BAY PETROGLYPH SITES AN AREA OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Whereas, in recognition of the historical and cultural significance to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Maliseet and Miemac Tribes and the people of Maine of the ancient petroglyphs located on the islands and shores of Machias Bay and Holmes Bay; and

Whereas, these petroglyphs record a cultural Native American legacy lasting from about 3000 years until after the time of the arrival of Europeans in the seventeenth century; and

Whereas, the Passamaquoddy Tribe owns one of these petroglyph sites, while others are located on State land, Federal land, or private property, all on ledges or boulders within the shoreland zone or the intertidal zone; and

Whereas, five of these petroglyph sites are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and the Machias Bay area contains the largest concentration of petroglyph sites in eastern North America; and

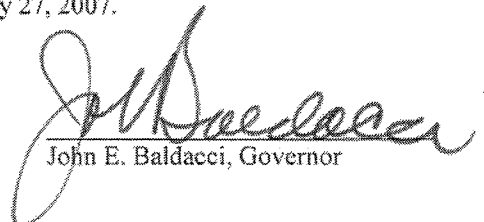
Whereas, the "Maluhsi-hikon," the Machias Bay Petroglyph Committee, is being established as a non-profit corporation with Tribal and private property owner representation, representation by a statewide land conservation organization, and representation from the University of Maine at Machias;

Now, therefore, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, declare Machias Bay to be an area with historical significance and do hereby direct and order as follows:

The Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or their designees, shall work with the Machias Bay Petroglyph Committee, other federal and state agencies as appropriate and willing private landowners, to preserve and protect the petroglyphs in the Machias Bay region to the extent possible under Maine statutes and Federal law, and to educate the public about the importance and meaning of these petroglyph sites.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is February 27, 2007.


John E. Baldacci, Governor