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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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DATE February 22, 2012

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO REDUCE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a scourge which harms the fabric of our State;

WHEREAS, many men and women have dedicated themselves to ending domestic violence and have offered their time and expertise;

WHEREAS, my Administration is dedicated to creatively using technology to protect victims; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive examination will help create a system that works for all Maine people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. The Task Force to Reduce Domestic Violence through Technology ("Task Force") is hereby established.
2. The membership of the Task Force shall consist of seven (7) persons appointed by the Governor, including representatives of the following:
 - a. The Department of Public Safety;
 - b. The Department of Corrections;
 - c. The Office of the Attorney General;
 - d. The Office of Information Technology;
 - e. A statewide organization dedicated to ending domestic violence;
 - f. A statewide organization representing prosecutors; and
 - g. A statewide organization representing chiefs of police.

The Governor shall appoint one member of the Task Force to serve as Chair, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall serve without compensation.


3. The Task Force shall:

- a. Explore methods to utilize available technologies to track domestic violence offenders;
- b. Explore electronic assistance services for victims, to allow them to contact support personnel in an emergency;
- c. Develop models to implement the technologies explored in subsections (a) and (b), incorporating different approaches related to rural and urban areas as appropriate; and
- d. Apply for any grants on behalf of the State as the Task Force may deem necessary, including those offered by the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

The Task Force shall undertake such other duties and responsibilities from time to time as may be required.

4. The Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor detailing their findings, along with any draft Legislation, on or before December 15, 2012, at which time the Task Force shall dissolve.

The effective date of this Executive Order is February 22, 2012.


Paul R. LePage, Governor