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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2013-005
DATE August 15, 2013

**AN ORDER REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has made extensive use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UASs);

WHEREAS, UASs have the potential to be used by law enforcement for public safety and emergency response;

WHEREAS, ensuring consistency of practice among Maine law enforcement agencies is important to protect privacy rights;

WHEREAS, private and non-governmental use of UASs does not present these same concerns; and

WHEREAS, overbroad statutes could have a negative impact on Maine's ability to create good-paying aerospace jobs;

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

1. The Commissioner of Public Safety, on or before February 1, 2014, shall issue an "Unmanned Aircraft System" policy ("Policy") to govern all State law enforcement use and operation of UASs. The Policy shall be posted in a conspicuous location on the Department of Public Safety website, provided that portions of the Policy subject to confidentiality under Maine law may be redacted or withheld.
2. The Commissioner is authorized to enlist the assistance of any organization in drafting the Policy, including, but not limited to, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, the Office of the Attorney General, and county and local law enforcement agencies.
3. This Order does not create any enforceable legal or equitable rights or private rights of action.

The effective date of the Executive Order is August 10, 2013.


Paul R. LePage, Governor