

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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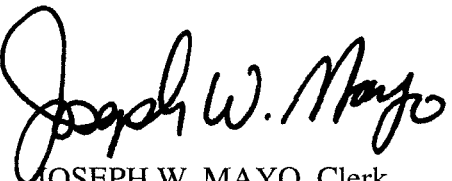
**An Act to Establish a Commemorative Day Recognizing Major-General  
Henry Knox.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule  
203.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and  
Representatives: McNEIL of Rockland, PIEH of Bremen, POWERS of Rockport, SAVAGE  
of Union, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator: LONGLEY of Waldo.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** July 25, 2000 is the 250th anniversary of the birth  
of Major-General Henry Knox, of Thomaston, Revolutionary War hero  
and Secretary of War under President George Washington; and

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10          **Whereas,** in order to expedite timely commemoration  
ceremonies and events and to have this legislation in time for  
the actual date of the anniversary; and

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14          **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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20          **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

22                 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §138 is enacted to read:**

24                 **§138. Major-General Henry Knox Day**

26                 July 25th of each year is designated as Major-General Henry  
Knox Day, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation  
inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day  
in suitable places and with appropriate ceremony and activity.  
The Department of Education shall make appropriate information  
available to the people and the schools, within its budget, to  
honor Major-General Henry Knox, of Thomaston, Revolutionary War  
general and hero and Secretary of War under President George  
Washington.

34                 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
36 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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40                                 **SUMMARY**

42                 This bill establishes a commemorative day recognizing  
Major-General Henry Knox of Thomaston, who was a Revolutionary  
War general and hero and Secretary of War under President George  
44 Washington.