

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PROCLAMATIONS

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

SPECIAL SESSION OF SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

The People of the State by an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution have authorized the Legislature to issue bonds of the State to an amount not exceeding ten million dollars for the purpose of continuing the construction of our State Highway System and building intrastate, interstate and international bridges. The United States Government stands ready to contribute two million dollars immediately to aid in carrying out this highway program, if the State's money can be made available. Construction of the Portsmouth-Kittery bridge awaits the required funds to be advanced by this State jointly with the State of New Hampshire and the United States Government. These immediate demands for moneys, obtainable only from the sale of these State Highway and Bridge bonds, together with the necessity for legislation to make operative other Constitutional amendments recently adopted and to meet other urgent demands of the people seem to require the immediate consideration of the Legislature.

In consideration whereof, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta, on Tuesday, the fourth day of November, nineteen hundred and nineteen, at ten o'clock in the forenoon in order to receive such communications as may then be made to them, and to consult and determine all such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at Augusta, this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal]

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
A Proclamation by the Governor
ARMISTICE DAY

In accordance with the request of the Legislature expressed in a joint resolution adopted unanimously, I am very glad to urge upon the people of Maine the observance of

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1919, ARMISTICE DAY
as a public holiday. In order to avoid possible misunderstanding in connection with legal documents and banking transactions, it is necessary to point out that the day will not be a legal holiday. I have no power to designate a legal holiday not already provided by statute and the Legislature had no power to make the day a legal holiday except by use of the emergency clause.

The same purpose can be accomplished, however, by the observance of the day in our various communities in such public exercises as may seem best calculated to recall to our minds the devotion and sacrifice of nearly thirty thousand men who represented the State so worthily in the recent war. May the day inspire and strengthen that spirit of true Americanism which saved the world from tyranny and must now save America from selfishness and anarchy.

Dated at the Executive Chamber in the Capitol at Augusta this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal]

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

THANKSGIVING DAY

Seldom since the first New England Thanksgiving Day has there been greater cause for gratitude to Almighty God, or graver need to seek His blessing and His sustaining guidance.

By the favor of Divine Providence, our Nation has in large measure escaped the riot and disaster which in the aftermath of war distress threaten to overwhelm so much of the civilized world.

But in the seething unrest so prevalent in industrial centers and in occasional fierce outbreaks of selfishness and greed, are plainly to be seen symptoms of possible calamities no less appalling even in our own land.

The future offers no sure defence against this peril except the power of the spirit of God in the hearts of all Americans, redeeming them from self-seeking, and inspiring them to mutual understanding and helpfulness.

Now, therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of Maine, do hereby designate and proclaim Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of November, a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.

And while returning thanks to God for His abundant bounty, let us humbly beseech Him to save us from selfishness and cruelty and to renew within us that devotion to truth and righteousness which shall safeguard the fruits of the victory for which so many of our countrymen have fought and died.

Done at the Executive Chamber in the State House at Augusta, on the twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nineteen, of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth, and of the State of Maine the ninety-ninth.

[Seal]

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor
RELATING TO THE MILITIA

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine, by a resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved March eighth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, proposed to the electors of said state the following amendment to the State Constitution, to wit:

“Article Seven of the Constitution be amended by striking out all of sections one, two, three, four and five of said article and substituting therefor the following sections:

‘Sec. 1. All commissioned officers of the militia shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor, from such persons as are qualified by law to hold such offices.

Sec. 2. The legislature shall, by law, designate the qualifications necessary for holding a commission in the militia and shall prescribe the mode of selection of officers for the several grades.

Sec. 3. The adjutant general shall be appointed by the governor. But the adjutant general shall also perform the duties of quartermaster general and paymaster general until otherwise directed by law.

Sec. 4. The organization, armament and discipline of the militia and of the military and naval units thereof shall be the same as that which is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States; and it shall be the duty of the governor to issue from time to time such orders and regulations and to adopt such other means of administration, as shall maintain the prescribed standard of organization, armament and discipline; and such orders, regulations and means adopted shall have the full force and effect of the law.

Sec. 5. Persons of the denominations of Quakers and Shakers, justices of the supreme judicial court, ministers of the gospel and persons exempted by the laws of the United States may be exempted from military duty, but no other able-bodied person of the age of eighteen and under the age of forty-five years, excepting officers of the militia who have been honorably discharged, shall be so exempted unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law.’”

And whereas, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendment,

as directed in the aforementioned resolve upon the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on September twenty-fourth, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely 15,826 for and 11,020 opposed,

Now therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with provisions of this said resolve, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine, amended as proposed.

In witness whereof, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal]

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

CONTINUATION OF THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine, by a resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved March twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

“Section one of Article two is hereby amended by inserting after the word ‘established’ in the sixth line of said section, the following words: ‘and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plantation for the period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period;’ so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sec. 1. Every male citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, excepting paupers, persons under guardianship, and Indians not taxed, having

his residence established in this state for the term of three months next preceding any election, shall be an elector for governor, senators and representatives, in the town or plantation where his residence is so established, and he shall continue to be an elector in such town or plantation for the period of three months after his removal therefrom, if he continues to reside in this state during said period; and the elections shall be by written ballot. But persons in the military, naval or marine service of the United States, or this state, shall not be considered as having obtained such established residence by being stationed in any garrison, barrack, or military place, in any town or plantation; nor shall the residence of a student at any seminary of learning entitle him to the right of suffrage in the town or plantation where such seminary is established. No person, however, shall be deemed to have lost his residence by reason of his absence from the state in the military service of the United States, or of this state.' ”

And whereas, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned resolve, upon the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on the twenty-fourth day of said month, that a majority of said votes were in favor of the amendment, namely 22,024 for and 6,751 against,

Now therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the provisions of section three of chapter one of the revised statutes, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended, as proposed; said amendment to take effect and to become a part of the Constitution as provided by section two of chapter one of the revised statutes.

In witness whereof, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal]

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
A Proclamation by the Governor
INCREASING THE STATE DEBT LIMIT

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine, by a resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April fourth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the State Constitution, to wit:

“Section fourteen of Article nine of the Constitution, as amended by Article thirty-five of the Constitution, is hereby further amended by striking out after the word ‘exceed’ in the fifth line thereof the words ‘three hundred thousand dollars’ and inserting in place thereof the words ‘eight hundred thousand dollars’, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sec. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building and maintaining of state highways, to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion or for purposes of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.’”

And whereas, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendment, as directed in the aforementioned resolve, upon the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on September twenty-fourth, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely, 21,542 for and 7,080 opposed.

Now therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the provisions of this said resolve, do proclaim that a majority of the inhabitants of the State voting on the question are in favor of the amendments so proposed.

In witness whereof, I have caused the Seal
of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta,
this twenty-fourth day of September in the
year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and nineteen and in the year of the Independ-
ence of the United States of America the one
hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal)

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

By the Governor.

Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL, Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

BOND ISSUE FOR PUBLIC WHARVES AND ADEQUATE
PORT FACILITIES

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine by a resolve passed by the concurrent vote of both branches and approved March twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendments to the State Constitution, to wit:

First: "Article Nine of the Constitution of the State be amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Sec. 18. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not to exceed the amount of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable within twenty years at a rate of interest of four per centum per annum payable semi-annually; which bonds shall be issued serially under the direction of the governor and council. The said bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the building and maintaining of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine.'

Second: "Section fourteen of said Article Nine, as amended by Article Thirty-five, is hereby further amended by adding after the word 'war' in the seventh line the words 'or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine;' so that said section fourteen, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the State, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building and maintaining of state highways, to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes of war, or for the purposes of building and maintaining public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities in the State of Maine; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

And whereas, it appears by the return of votes given in by the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendments, as directed in the aforementioned resolve, upon the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and canvassed by the Governor and Council, on September twenty-fourth, that a majority of said votes were in favor of said amendments, namely, 26,637 for and 6,777 opposed,

Now therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the provisions of this said resolve do proclaim that a majority of the inhabitants of the State voting for the question are in favor of the amendments so proposed.

In witness whereof, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal]

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

STATE HIGHWAYS, INTRASTATE, INTERSTATE AND
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine by a resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April fourth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendments to the State Constitution, to wit:

First: "Section fourteen of article nine of the Constitution as amended by article thirty-five of the Constitution is hereby further amended by striking out the words 'and maintaining of' in the sixth line thereof and by adding after the

word 'highways' in the sixth line thereof the words 'intra-state, interstate and international bridges' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Sec. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate, with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at any one time, exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except for the purposes of building state highways, intrastate, interstate and international bridges, to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion or for purposes of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been or may be deposited with this state by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.'

Second: "Section seventeen of said article is amended by striking out after the word 'exceeding' in the first and second lines thereof the word 'two' and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten' and by striking out after the word 'exceeding' in the third line thereof the word 'four' and inserting in place thereof the word 'five' and by striking out in the fifth line thereof the words 'and maintaining' and by adding after the word 'highways' in the fifth line the words 'and intrastate, interstate and international bridges', and by striking out after the word 'exceed' in the seventh line thereof the word 'two' and inserting in place thereof the word 'ten', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Sec. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not exceeding ten million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within forty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of state highways, and intrastate, interstate and international bridges; provided, however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed ten million dollars; the expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the state.'"

And whereas, it appears by the return of votes given in by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations, voting upon said amendments, as directed in the aforementioned resolve upon the eighth day of September, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and canvassed by the Governor and

Council on September twenty-fourth, that a majority of said votes were in favor of these amendments, namely, 26,228 for and 5,125 opposed,

Now therefore, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the provisions of said resolve, do proclaim that a majority of the inhabitants of the State voting on the question are in favor of the amendments so proposed.

In witness whereof, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth.

[Seal]

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

A Proclamation by the Governor

THANKSGIVING DAY 1917

The usual light-hearted rejoicing of the harvest time has given place to a serious mood before unknown to this generation of Americans. At this season of family reunions thousands of homes are oppressed by dread of what the near future may hold for absent loved ones.

Yet thru the gloom of world-wide strife and above our own national peril appear abundant reasons for giving thanks to the Divine Being Whose mercy endureth forever.

For His Providence that established us in a goodly heritage on this new continent and guided us thru the many perils of our history; for our free institutions and the inheritance of ideals more precious than life; for present security from the indescribable horror and devastation of hostile invasion; for abundant harvests allowing us to minister to the desperate needs of oppressed and famished peoples in other lands; for the generous

response of our people to the appeal of charity and mercy; for the call to world-wide service and the answering spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice among our people, it is our duty to devote a day to the public expression of our gratitude to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Wherefore I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate Thursday, November twenty-ninth, nineteen seventeen, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.

And while we thus render thanks let us devoutly and humbly implore the blessing of Almighty God upon our State and Nation. Let us commend to His care those who have gone beyond the seas to fight our battles and seek His comfort for those at home who may become widows and orphans and the mothers who may be called upon to give their sons. Let us beseech Him that He may further encourage our hearts and strengthen our hands and that in due time the tumult of war may cease and peace with honor and liberty and security may be vouchsafed to all mankind.

Done at the Executive Chamber in the State House at Augusta, on the twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventeen, of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second and of the State of Maine the ninety-seventh.

[Seal]

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of State to be affixed.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,

Governor.

By the Governor.

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

(This proclamation, which should have appeared in the volume containing the laws of the regular session, was omitted, through an oversight on the part of the compiler.)