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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PROCLAMATIONS

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STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Perhaps no gift bestowed upon us by Nature brings a more ready and deserving appeal than the tree. Its beauty and sturdiness furnishes inspiration and encouragement for human life.

In our own State of Maine the tree bears a special significance, not alone in the diversity of threescore varieties, but from the great part it has played in affording our people a happy, healthy and prosperous livelihood.

In the hope that the worth of our trees may constantly stand forth in our minds, and in accordance with the statutory requirement, I hereby proclaim

Friday, May Tenth, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-nine

Arbor Day in the State of Maine

It is furthermore suggested and desired that the schools, clubs, various civic bodies and individuals will see fit to take some part in giving proper observance to this day.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-third.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

**Authorization of an Increase in the Amount of State Bonds for the Purpose
of Building a Bridge Across the Penobscot River, to be
Known as the Waldo-Hancock Bridge**

Whereas, the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 13, A. D. 1929, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution is hereby amended by adding to said section the following, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. The legislature may authorize the issuing of bonds not exceeding sixteen million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within forty-one years, except that all bonds issued under authority of this resolve during and after the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five shall be payable within fifteen 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 interstate, intra-state and international bridges, provided, however, that bonds issued and outstanding under the authority of this section shall never, in the aggregate, exceed sixteen million dollars, which said bonds issued during or after the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five shall be serial and when paid at maturity, or otherwise retired, shall not be reissued; the expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the state. The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding three million dollars in amount at any one time, payable within fifty-one years, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of a highway or combination highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich. The legislature may authorize, in addition to the bonds hereinbefore mentioned, the issuance of bonds not exceeding one million two hundred thousand dollars in amount at any one time payable within thirty years at a rate of interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, which bonds or their proceeds shall be devoted solely to the building of a highway bridge across the Penobscot river from either the town of Prospect or the town of Stockton Springs to either the town of

Bucksport or the town of Verona, to be known as the "Waldo-Hancock Bridge."

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 ninth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on September twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely, 58,206 for and 43,844 opposed.

Now, therefore, I, Wm. Tudor Gardiner, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the 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-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

[Seal]

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Authorization of an Additional Issue of Highway and Bridge Bonds

Whereas, the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 13, A. D. 1929, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Section seventeen of article nine of the constitution as amended by the forty-eighth and forty-ninth amendments to the constitution is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. The state, under proper enactment of the legislature, may issue its bonds not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-one million dollars in amount at any one time, and all bonds issued during and after the year nineteen

hundred and twenty-nine shall be payable serially within twenty-five years from date of issue, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually. The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding under authority of this section to the extent of ten million dollars shall be devoted solely to the construction of the present system of state highways designated prior to April first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine; provided, however, that not exceeding two million five hundred thousand dollars of such proceeds may be used for the reconstruction of state highways forming a part of that system heretofore constructed, and provided further that not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars of such proceeds may be used for the construction of state highways hereafter to be designated. The proceeds of bonds hereafter issued and outstanding, under authority of this section, to the extent of five million dollars shall be devoted solely to the building of interstate, intrastate, and international bridges. Said bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be re-issued. All bonds issued under the authority of this section of the constitution shall be in addition to the bonds heretofore authorized and issued in the amount of three million dollars, the proceeds of which were devoted to the building of a combination highway and railroad bridge across the Kennebec river between the city of Bath and the town of Woolwich.'

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 ninth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and canvassed by the Governor and Council of September twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine; that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely, 58,607 for and 43,189 opposed.

Now, therefore, I, Wm. Tudor Gardiner, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed.

[Seal]

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

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

**Authorization for Filling of Councillor Vacancies by the Governor with
the Advice and Consent of the Council**

Whereas, the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 10, A. D. 1929, proposed to the electors of said state the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Section two of part two of article five of the constitution, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section after the word "filled" in the third line and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. The councillors shall be chosen biennially, on the first Wednesday of January, by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention; and vacancies, which shall afterward happen, shall be filled in the following manner: The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint within thirty days from said vacancy a councillor from the same district in which the vacancy occurred, and the oath of office shall be administered by the governor; said councillor shall hold office until the next convening of the legislature; but not more than one councillor shall be elected or appointed from any district prescribed for the election of senators; they shall be privileged from arrest in the same manner as senators and representatives.'

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 ninth day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on September twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely, 62,075 for and 32,527 opposed.

Now, therefore, I, Wm. Tudor Gardiner, Governor of the State of Maine, acting in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed.

[Seal]

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

By the Governor:

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,

Governor.

EDGAR C. SMITH, Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Thanksgiving Day, 1929

By early decree of our forefathers there was established the custom of setting aside one day in the year to express thanks for our many material blessings. We have but to pause and reflect for a brief interval to realize the vast gifts granted us, both as a Nation and as a State. The prosperity of our land and the general contentment of our people carries just cause for thankfulness.

We are a Nation at peace with the world, and we hope to prove as a Nation a force for the continuing peace of the world.

It is, therefore, well that we should be moved by this spirit of thankfulness, that we may come closer to a realization of those benefits and joys which have come to us, and I do hereby proclaim

Thursday, November 28, 1929

Thanksgiving Day

In the State of Maine

Let us upon this day, as we halt in our respective labors, be mindful of the happiness we hold, the blessings we have received, and endeavor to give our sincere thanks for the Divine gifts assigned us.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Arbor Day, 1930

Among our natural resources trees have had and always will have a place of first importance. Maine is the Pine Tree State and upon its seal a pine tree symbolizes the unfailing source of the prosperity and happiness of our people.

In the very beginning of this State, when the men of Maine went down to the sea in ships, our great trees furnished both carriers and cargoes. Today, with seventy-eight per cent of our area in forested lands, the further development of our commerce and industry depends in largest measure upon the conservation of these gifts of nature.

It is our duty and high privilege as citizens to leave nothing undone to secure to those who come after us the same material benefits and the same beauty and refreshment in our trees and forests that we now enjoy. To this end, therefore, and in accordance with a wise law of the State, I hereby proclaim

Friday, May 9, 1930

Arbor Day in the State of Maine

and ask that this day be fittingly observed throughout the State, not only in the schools but whenever citizens shall gather in the interest of our common welfare.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Forest fire conditions within our State are critical and on appeal of the Forest Commissioner and in accordance with the authority vested in me by sections 38 to 41 inclusive of chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 33 of the public laws of 1923, I do hereby proclaim a suspension of the open season on fishing in the inland waters of the State, the same to be effective on and after midnight May eleventh, 1930 and to continue until revoked by me. All provisions of the law covering and relating to the closed season shall continue in force during said period and persons violating the provisions of this proclamation will be subject to the full penalty of the law. I earnestly call upon all the citizens of the State to comply with the provisions of this proclamation and hereby instruct all game and fire wardens and all other state officials to enforce said provisions.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty and in the one hundred and fifty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Welcome rains have reduced the fire hazards in our forests and though the situation has not been entirely relieved there has been such improvement in the larger portion of the State as to warrant repeal of the suspension of the open season on fishing in the inland waters of the State. The proclamation which I issued on May 10th is hereby rescinded.

It is unfortunate that existing law does not allow exception of any county from emergency close time. In such a vast territory as the State of Maine it is rare that conditions are similar throughout the State at the same time.

At this moment there appears to be still substantial danger in parts of

Aroostook, Penobscot and Washington counties. The Forestry Department and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game will supply extra men in these territories in so far as possible in order that every precaution may be taken for the protection of our forests. I call upon all those who fish or go into the woods to exercise the greatest care. I request them to kindle no fires and to refrain from smoking except when in boats, until the danger is safely past.

Throughout the State precautions against fire should still continue. The carelessness of a moment may cause financial loss and irreparable damage not only to our forests but to the wild life of the State.

Appreciation should be expressed to the sportsmen, both citizens and visitors, who have accepted the suspension of the open season in a sportsmanlike manner and with the realization of the importance of this effort at conservation.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty and in the one hundred and fifty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
Special Legislative Session

Provision was made, under Chapter 179 of the Resolves of 1927 and under Chapter 133 of the Resolves of 1929, for Revision of the General and Public Laws of the State.

Due notice has been given that this work will shortly be ready for submission to the legislature, and

Whereas, it is advisable for the legislature to pass on any general revision of the statutes at least ninety days prior to its regular session;

I, therefore, by virtue of the power vested in the Executive, 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 fifth day of August, 1930, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them, and to consult and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor and Sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,

Governor.

By the Governor:

EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The unprecedented heat of the last few days added to the general conditions of drouth has rendered forest fire conditions throughout the entire State extremely critical. In accordance with the authority vested in me by sections 38 to 41 inclusive of chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 33 of the public laws of 1923, I do hereby proclaim the suspension of the open season on hunting of all kinds throughout the entire area of the State to become effective at sundown today and to continue until revoked by me. All provisions of the law covering and relating to the closed season shall continue in force during said period and persons violating the provisions of this proclamation will be subject to the full penalty of the law. I earnestly call upon all the citizens of the State to comply with the provisions of this proclamation and hereby instruct all

game and fire wardens and all other state officials to enforce said provisions.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty and in the one hundred and fifty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Rainfall generally distributed throughout the State has decreased the hazard of forest fire. The fires that are still burning appear to be under control. The proclamation issued October 14th, declaring a suspension of the open season on hunting, is hereby revoked.

It is urged that those who use the woods should continue to exercise the greatest precautions against fire. Where fires have been burning great care should be continued in watching them.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and in the one hundred and fifty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
 PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Thanksgiving Day 1930

The simple harvest of our forefathers brought sincere expressions of thankfulness. The fruitfulness of the land gave assurance to physical life that spiritual life might tower above the things of the earth.

Today we demand more from the world. Because we have so much that can be seen let us not be unmindful of the blessings which are unseen.

Let us be thankful for this age of enlightenment and Peace.

It is well that a time should be set apart from usual pursuits and I do hereby proclaim

Thursday, November 27, 1930

Thanksgiving Day

In the State of Maine

Let us upon this day endeavor to give our thanks to God for the gifts assigned us.

[Seal]

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fifth.

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
 Governor.

By the Governor:
 EDGAR C. SMITH,
 Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE
 PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Trees with their shade and shelter are the most lovely ornaments of our towns and countryside and our forests have been a dominant factor in the economic history of our State. In their beauty and grandeur and in the exquisiteness of their detail our trees proclaim the power of a creative

deity whose all-embracing care gives renewed confidence in the Providence whose gifts are so lavish and bountiful.

Therefore, to assist in perpetuating our forests, to impress upon our youth, especially, the beauty and sturdiness of nature, and in keeping with statutory requirement, I hereby proclaim

Friday, May 8, 1931

Arbor Day in the State of Maine

Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fifth.

[Seal]

WM. TUDOR GARDINER,
Governor.

By the Governor:
EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.