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PROCLAMATIONS

by

Governor Sumner Sewall

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(as reported to the Revisor of Statutes)

PROCLAMATIONS, 1943

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the picturesque scenic beauties of the State of Maine always have been a source of pleasure, not only to those of us at home but to visitors as well; and

Whereas, in these days of all-out war effort it is important that such enjoyment be a part of our daily lives; and

Whereas, a special effort must be made to enhance these qualities, particularly of our trees, shrubbery and plants, for future generations;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate Saturday, May 15, 1943, as

Arbor Day,

and urge that a certain amount of our energies be directed toward the general improvement of our surroundings.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, since 1940 the third Sunday in May of each year has been set aside as Citizenship Day for the proper recognition of all who, by coming

of age or by naturalization, have attained the status of citizenship, the day to be designated as I am an American Day; and

Whereas, the opportunities and responsibilities that are ours as citizens should be reflected upon deeply that day; and

Whereas, citizens in every walk of life should rededicate themselves to the total support of our fighting forces to the end that these privileges shall remain ours;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate Sunday, May 16, 1943, as

I Am An American Day,

and urge that this significant day be observed appropriately.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,

Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, our Merchant Marine is contributing vitally in this war; and

Whereas, the brave seamen manning the ships are in constant danger of our enemies in the movement of supplies to our overseas forces and our allies; and

Whereas, special tribute should be accorded the Merchant Marine for its valiant efforts;

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Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 22, as

Maritime Day

and urge that the flag be displayed at homes and business places on that day.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the need for more enlistments in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps is urgent; and

Whereas, every woman who joins the WAAC releases a man for actual fighting service; and

Whereas, girls too young to join the WAAC can play an important part in the success of this objective, as recruiters; and

Whereas, the WAAC has made provision for enlisting the help of these junior recruiters in this effort;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of June 7 as

Junior WAAC Recruiters' Week,

and urge our young girls to assist in this program, and thereby aid the efforts of our armed forces to win the war.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, June 14 marks the anniversary of the adoption of the flag of the United States; and

Whereas, since 1777 the flag has symbolized blessings which today this nation and other United Nations are striving valiantly to maintain and extend; and

Whereas, significantly, the other United Nations will celebrate Flag Day with us, and it is therefore fitting that we include the flags of our Allies in our commemoration;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1943, as

Flag Day,

and urge that flags be displayed at homes, places of business and elsewhere, and further do I urge that all citizens participate by appropriate means in this world-wide celebration of free people.

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Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, annually for the past several years a day has been set aside to do honor to fathers; and

Whereas, many fathers today are fighting in all battle fronts to safeguard the freedoms that have been ours for over 150 years; and

Whereas, special honor should be done to these fathers and to those fathers whose sons in service equally are determined to achieve victory and perpetuation of our way of life;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 20, as

Father's Day

throughout the State and urge that all observe the event in churches, homes and public places.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the

United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, for the defense of the United States and in support of our armed forces we at home are undertaking many voluntary war duties; and

Whereas, the Aircraft Warning Service, with its thousands of loyal civilian volunteers is serving around-the-clock in watchtowers throughout the State and in Filter Centers in order that our fighting forces may be warned immediately of any enemy approach; and

Whereas, a well-organized, alert warning service constitutes a positive defense and discourages attack, and

Whereas, it is vital to the defense of our State and Nation that those on routine patrols be always encouraged and aided through the ready assistance of ground observers ever on the alert to guide the fighter planes;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period of July 18-24, 1943 as

Aircraft Warning Service Week,

and urge Maine citizens to acquaint themselves especially at this time with the fundamental purposes and functions of the Aircraft Warning Service, and to contribute their wholehearted support to this essential wartime activity.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twelfth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the

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United States of America, the One Hundred and
Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, our nation is now engaged in the task of winning the war and of laying the foundations of a just and peaceful world order; and

Whereas, this two-fold task makes unprecedented demands upon the spiritual powers and the inner resources of our people; and

Whereas, now, as always, the teachings and principles of religion are the source of our character; and

Whereas increased emphasis upon religious teaching is needed, particularly at this time;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 26, and continuing through Sunday, October 3, as the

Thirteenth Annual Religious Education Week,

and request all citizens with their families to continue or to renew their allegiance to the churches of their choice, and to seek for themselves and make effective for others all possible opportunities for religious teaching and worship which are essential in establishing the spiritual foundations of freedom.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the

[Seal]

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United States of America, the One Hundred and
Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor :

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, National Newspaperboy Day, sponsored by the International Circulation Managers' Association for the purpose of giving recognition to the more than 500,000 newspaperboys of America for valuable services to the nation, is to be observed on Saturday, October 2; and

Whereas, the newspaperboys of America not only are making a truly patriotic contribution to the war effort through the selling of war bonds and stamps, but in their chosen occupation are building for their own futures a pattern of responsibility, alertness and character; and

Whereas, an appreciation of their activities will encourage and inspire them in their daily tasks and further their wartime undertakings;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 2, as

State Newspaperboy Day

and urge all citizens, in view of the constructive efforts and accomplishments of this energetic group, to be generous in encouragement and praise.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence

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of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, a challenging appeal to the patriotism of the womanhood of the nation is being voiced by the United States Army; and

Whereas, the Women's Army Corps has been directed by the U. S. Government to enlist 70,000 women in 70 days; and

Whereas, the United States Army is making its appeal to those women whose energies and capabilities have not yet found essential expression in the war effort; and

Whereas, women who enlist will be recruited and trained in state companies, under a state banner;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the weeks between September 27 and December 7 as

WAC Recruitment Period

in this state, and urge every eligible Maine woman not now employed in important work to give her total effort in this total war by enlisting in the Women's Army Corps.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence

[Seal]

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of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,

Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, every fire in war time serves the enemy as effectively as any saboteur; and

Whereas, deaths and crippling injuries from fire cause serious loss to the war effort; and

Whereas, we need all the munitions, food and supplies that can be produced, in order to insure early victory, having none to spare for wasteful fires;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate the week of October 3 to 9 as

Fire Prevention Week,

and do call upon the citizens of Maine to unite in a concerted effort to reduce the losses by fire in this state; and further do I urge most earnestly that every citizen of Maine take added precautions this year to protect his home, his place of business, and all property both public and private.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this first day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,

Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Needlework Guild of America has requested the cooperation of the people of Maine in the observance of Needlework Week, October 10 to 16; and

Whereas, this organization for the past fifty-eight years has been active and instrumental in supplying new garments for the needy through accredited institutions throughout the nation; and

Whereas, the need for suitable warm clothing during the coming winter is likely to be great, due to the wartime disruptions of family life and general preoccupation with military requirements;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of October 10 to 16 as

Needlework Guild Week

in Maine, and earnestly request all citizens to acquaint themselves with the services of the Guild and to cooperate in every way possible in furthering this splendid work.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and dred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the nation is threatened with the loss of six million barrels of potatoes due to shortages of manpower, transportation and storage facilities in Maine; and

Whereas, official weather records on freezing temperatures indicate that this crop should be harvested before October 18; and

Whereas, the full resources of the State are being utilized in the effort of harvesting this crop; the schools of Aroostook County remaining closed, the State Highway Department assisting farmers in digging temporary storage pits with power shovels and making available every truck, truck driver and able-bodied man in its employ throughout the State; and

Whereas, appeals have been made to United States Army officials for the use of soldiers to help move this crop and to other Federal agencies for immediate assistance in providing transportation and out-of-state storage facilities; and

Whereas, to assure this assistance further additional steps must be taken by the State of Maine;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim an emergency in Aroostook County and urge that all stores in the county, except drug stores, be closed on Monday of each week during this emergency and that Sunday be used as a work day in special consideration of the fact that troops will be available for work on this day. Also I do earnestly urge that all town governments, school committees and citizens cooperate wholeheartedly by all possible means to save this essential food.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and dred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,

Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the nation is in grave need of the products of the Maine pulp and paper industry for the effective prosecution of the war,—these prod-

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ucts being used extensively in the manufacture of smokeless powder; paperboard containers for shells, food and ammunition; tabulating card stock; blood plasma kits; rayon and paper parachutes, and other necessary materials of war; and

Whereas, production in this field is hampered severely by manpower shortages due to war; and

Whereas, Canadian government policy has decreased progressively the number of Canadian woodsmen normally permitted to cross the border into Maine, and has reduced allowable exports of pulpwood into the United States; and

Whereas, appeals to United States government agencies for additional manpower and for permission to use war prisoners in Maine woods operations have resulted in no relief; and

Whereas, collapse of this war essential pulp and paper industry, the largest single enterprise in Maine, is threatened for the foregoing reasons; and

Whereas, the newspapers of the nation have been requested by the War Production Board to devote their organized efforts to a campaign to overcome these pulpwood shortages;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the

Victory Pulpwood Drive,

and do urge all timber owners in Maine representing commercial tracts or farm woodlots to increase their efforts in harvesting this vital forest product.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, Navy Day, celebrated annually since 1922 through the sponsorship of the Navy League of the United States in cooperation with the Navy Department, will again be observed throughout the nation on October 27; and

Whereas, all Maine citizens take great pride in the growing might and mounting successes of the United States Navy; and

Whereas, the observance of Navy Day provides an appropriate opportunity to honor our splendid Navy and its valiant and resourceful officers and men;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 27 as

Navy Day

in Maine, and earnestly urge that all citizens give fitting recognition to this great branch of our armed services by display of the flag and participation in local programs marking the occasion.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, Education, unrestricted, is a priceless gift of a democratic government to its people. Liberty, equality and justice find expression only when education is universal, regardless of color, class, creed or sex. Edu-

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cation is on the march to rid the world of all enemies of freedom, for education and freedom cannot exist in a world half slave and half free.

Whereas, The National Education Association, the American Legion, the United States Office of Education, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers sponsor jointly American Education Week.

Whereas, this observance of nearly a quarter of a century merits our continued support. It differs from other such observances in that it does not call for additional time from the already busy school schedule. Indeed, its claim for recognition is because it permits our citizens to judge its merit through observation in this everyday workshop designed for the building of democratic citizenship. There one may observe modern methods employed to perform this complicated task of educating the American citizens of tomorrow. We believe that schools today are better than the schools of yesterday. Our plan must be to make them still better for tomorrow. To do this calls for the support of all citizens, and this can best be accomplished by a more thorough understanding of the purposes and accomplishments of the schools.

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, in keeping with this spirit, do hereby proclaim the period from November 7-13, 1943, as

American Education Week.

Mindful that the qualities which go to make up an invincible, free, and happy people are found only through an efficient system of universal education, that an appreciation of its value can be found only through firsthand acquaintance with its philosophy, theory, and practice, I earnestly urge that our citizens take this opportunity to visit the classroom, which is the powerhouse of democracy, and thus refresh our memories on the splendid service the schoolroom has rendered; the necessity for its continuous improvement and its dedication to the improvability of mankind.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this first day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the United States Marine Corps will observe the 168th Anniversary of its founding on November 10, 1943; and

Whereas, the occasion is one of greater significance to more Americans this year than ever before, because of the vast expansion of the Corps and the high heroism of Marines in the present world war; and

Whereas, this year for the first time women Marines join in the birthday observance as a part of the Corps, shouldering the men's non-combatant jobs ashore,

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 10,

Marine Corps Day

and urge the people of Maine to join with all Americans everywhere in celebrating this anniversary.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this second day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, on October 7, 1943, an emergency in Aroostook County was proclaimed because of the threatened loss of a substantial part of the potato crop, due to shortages of manpower, transportation and storage facilities; and

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Whereas, this harvest crisis has now passed and a large part of the threatened loss averted by cooperative efforts of our farmers and various agencies of the Federal and State governments:

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the end of the emergency in Aroostook County.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the day set aside in commemoration of the Armistice of 1918 now approaches; and

Whereas, for nearly a quarter of a century it has been our custom to pay tribute to those who fought and died in the hope that wars might end; and

Whereas, this year, in the midst of another and greater world conflict, it is particularly fitting that we give special thought and consideration on Armistice Day to the terms of the peace which shall be effected at the close of the present turmoil, to the end that the strength and power of the American people shall be directed toward universal justice, freedom, and security, in a world where conflicts threatening the future of humanity may be made impossible;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim November 11, 1943, as

Armistice Day,

and call upon the people of this state to honor the memory of the men who died in the last war by observing this day as one of rededication to the

principles for which they fought, and of prayer to Almighty God that the new peace which will follow a United Nations victory will be more than an Armistice.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the annual day for thanksgiving has once again arrived; and

Whereas, our land has yielded bountiful harvests in this year of great need; and

Whereas, our sons are now achieving magnificent victories throughout the war-torn world; and

Whereas, our country still preserves justice and liberty as cornerstones of human living; and

Whereas, our citizens continue to be free to speak and pray in accordance with their individual consciences; and

Whereas, our pleas and our prayers are now directed toward a policy of cooperating with other peace-loving peoples in establishing organized justice in a free world;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 25, 1943, as

Thanksgiving Day

and urge all Maine citizens to observe this day in thoughtful gratitude for our present blessings and in prayerful hope for an early and enduring peace.

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Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the ten original amendments to the American Constitution, which comprise the Bill of Rights, being ratified by the necessary number of states, became effective December 15, 1791; and

Whereas, the principles expressed in the Bill of Rights are basic and essential mainstays of human freedom; and

Whereas, the American Bill of Rights Association, an organization devoting its efforts to further the appreciation by our citizens of our heritage of individual opportunity, freedom and justice, is working for the recognition of December 15 as Bill of Rights Day;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim December 15, 1943, as

Bill of Rights Day,

and call upon the people of Maine to honor this day by display of the American Flag in thoughtful tribute to the 152nd anniversary of our American Bill of Rights, which has been so valuable an instrument in securing and maintaining the social, economic and political advantages which we enjoy.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and

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Forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, on December 17, 1903, the first flight of a heavier-than-air machine was made by Wilbur and Orville Wright at Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and

Whereas, this achievement of the Wright brothers has been of incalculable value to mankind; and

Whereas, the airplane is proving a decisive factor in the winning of the war by the United Nations, and will be a major implement in bringing about a lasting peace to come; and

Whereas, the fortieth anniversary of the first flight of a heavier-than-air machine will be commemorated by appropriate celebration throughout the nation on December 17, 1943;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate December 17, 1943, as

Aviation Day

in Maine, in tribute to the memory of Wilbur Wright and in honor of Orville Wright, the surviving brother.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fourteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the

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United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, there exists as the result of wartime demands on the paper and paperboard industries, an acute shortage of waste paper, threatening the production of new paper products for military and elementary civilian needs; and

Whereas, at least an additional two million tons of waste paper are needed to keep mills at peak production, and, more can be absorbed, to build up reserve inventories; and

Whereas, the normal sources of waste paper are not adequate to meet the wartime requirements for this essential raw material; and

Whereas, the War Production Board has requested the newspapers of the United States to undertake the U. S. Victory Waste Paper Campaign to generate a flow of waste paper from homes, business establishments and institutions to the paper manufacturers;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby call upon the people of this state to cooperate with the agencies in their community engaged in waste paper salvage, to the end that this shortage which threatens the conduct of the war against our enemies and the prosecution of our civilian endeavors be speedily corrected.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three, and of the Independence of the

[Seal]

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United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, men and women from Maine are serving in ever-increasing numbers on the global firing lines; and

Whereas, there is hardly a home in our state which is not represented by someone on the battle front; and

Whereas, by Act of Congress, the American National Red Cross has the duty "to act in matters of voluntary relief" and "as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy"; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and the President of the United States has set aside the period from February 29 to March 31 as the time for giving this financial assistance;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do call upon all citizens of the State to support the 1944 Red Cross War Fund to the limit of their ability.

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 February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, on March 28, 29 and 30, 1944, there will be held in New York City under the sponsorship of the Maritime Commission, a joint United States Navy and Maritime Commission Shipyard Safety Conference; and

Whereas, representatives of management and labor from Navy and Maritime Commission contract shipyards of the East Coast Region will participate in a program designed to reduce shipyard accidents during 1944; and

Whereas, consideration of ways and means of lessening the number of accidents will contribute to human safety and welfare and to the vital task of ship production and will help speed the day of victory;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of March 26 to April 1, 1944, as

"Shipyard Safety Week,"

and call upon all citizens to lend every attention and assistance possible to this Shipyard Safety Conference of the East Coast Region.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the seventeenth national celebration of Army Day will occur on April 6, 1944; and

Whereas, this observation of Army Day is endorsed by the President of the United States, the Congress, and the Secretary of War; and

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Whereas, the people of Maine wish to pay the highest tribute to those in service during these critical days;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim April 6 as

Army Day,

and earnestly urge the people of this state to honor the U. S. Army by display of the flag in homes, offices and all industrial establishments, and to fulfil our obligations by redoubling our labors in all wartime activities.

[Seal]

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 March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, it appears desirable that the Legislature of this State should meet in special session to consider matters pertaining to soldier-voting in the 1944 elections,

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol, at Augusta, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April 1944, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them and to consider 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 at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and

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Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, it is recognized that food is the number one weapon of war and peace; and

Whereas, it is further recognized that adequate nutrition can be realized through a well-balanced use of the many fresh fruits and vegetables which are now available; and

Whereas, the home front and global demands for food will place an excessive burden on our increased food production and will require fair sharing of that which is available; and

Whereas, during the coming weeks, retail grocery stores throughout the United States will feature "No Point—Low Point Foods" and display colorful material suggesting the use of the more abundant foods,

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, proclaim the week of April 10 as

"No-Point—Low Point Food Week"

and call upon the citizens of Maine to make food fight for freedom by purchasing and using the more plentiful foods when shopping and ordering them when dining in hotels, restaurants and other public eating establishments.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this first day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

[Seal]

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SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the farmers of Maine have patriotically answered the appeal of their government to produce eggs and potatoes as essential war foods; and

Whereas, diligent work has caused eggs and potatoes to be produced beyond the numbers thought possible, resulting in an overloaded market and overcrowded storage facilities; and

Whereas, so far this year, our people have consumed these products below their usual capacity; and

Whereas, eggs and white potatoes now are available in great quantities;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month, April 20 to May 20, 1944, as

"Use Eggs and Potatoes Month,"

and urge upon all our citizens the importance of making full use of these nutritious, inexpensive foods in cooking and on the table, during this period when they are most abundant, to the end that good food will be saved, and the farmers will be encouraged to maintain full production.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, members of the Women's Army Corps have proven good soldiers and efficient military workers; and

Whereas, expanding operations of world military airline systems create a need for WAC services which is in excess of the present enrollment; and

Whereas, this expansion will enable Maine women to make valuable contributions to their country's war effort; and

Whereas, direct recruitment of WAC personnel is now authorized by War Department directives, and the Air Transport Command currently is launching a statewide WAC Victory March Recruiting Campaign in Maine;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the six weeks period beginning April 20, 1944, as

WAC Recruitment Period,

to the end that Maine quotas may be filled, and I urge every eligible woman not now engaged in essential work, to enlist in this vital field of patriotic service.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, National Music Week, inaugurated on a nationwide basis in 1924, and observed annually since that time, will be celebrated this year during the week of May 7 to 14; and

Whereas, the Maine Federation of Music Clubs is planning appropriate programs and activities in cooperation with the National and Inter-American Music Week Committee, which will afford our people opportunities to express their love for and appreciation of music; and

Whereas, music is a democratic art, a common heritage of mankind, and affords the various peoples of the world an opportunity to meet in mutual understanding;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 7 to 14 as

National Music Week in Maine,

and call upon the people of this state to observe this occasion by uniting in the comradeship which music invokes and promotes, and in the development of constructive programs for the furtherance of musical appreciation and education.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the second Sunday of May has been designated by an Act of Congress as Mother's Day; and

Whereas, the progress of our democracy is dependent upon the quality of our citizenship, and the finest physical and spiritual development of our Youth is in turn dependent upon the favorable atmosphere of a home created by an understanding, loving mother; and

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Whereas, mothers are being called upon today to make greater sacrifices than ever before, and it seems fitting that we honor our brave army of American mothers;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 14, 1944, as

Mother's Day.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the picturesque scenic beauties of the State of Maine always have been a source of pleasure, not only to those of us at home but to visitors as well; and

Whereas, in these days of all-out war effort, it is important that such enjoyment be a part of our daily lives; and

Whereas, a special effort must be made to enhance these qualities, particularly of our trees, shrubbery and plants, for future generations;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate Friday, May 12, 1944, as

Arbor Day,

and urge that a certain amount of our energies be directed toward the general improvement of our surroundings.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of

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[Seal]

Maine, this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the third Sunday in May, annually, has been set aside by Congressional Resolution as Citizenship Day, to be dedicated to the recognition of those attaining the status of citizenship through naturalization or by coming of age; and

Whereas, it is vital to the continuance and progress of our American way of life that these newly constituted citizens appreciate fully the significance of this citizenship and the personal benefits, social and political, afforded by our democratic institutions; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all American citizens, young and old, consider the obligations as well as the privileges which this citizenship entails, including, particularly, their duties and rights in voting;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 21, as

"I Am An American" Day,

to be observed by our social and civic organizations with appropriate exercises.

[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 Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

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SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, May 22, the sailing-date of "The Savannah," the first steamship to cross the Atlantic, has been set aside by Congressional Resolution since 1933 as National Maritime Day; and

Whereas, the people of Maine have an outstanding tradition in shipbuilding and an historic interest in maritime affairs; and

Whereas, through the efforts of tens of thousands of shipyard workers in this state and throughout the country, and the courage and energy of our American seamen, great fleets of our merchant marine are transporting vital supplies to our armed forces and allies all over the world; and

Whereas, these workers and seamen deserve our profound gratitude;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 22, 1944, as

Maritime Day,

and urge that it be appropriately observed and that the flag be displayed at homes and business places throughout the state.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this nineteenth day of May, in the year our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

In view of the extremely dry condition and serious fire hazard existing in the forests of Maine and upon recommendation of the State Forest Commissioner and pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Sections 38 to 41, inclusive, of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 180 of the Public Laws of 1931, I do hereby proclaim suspension of the open season for fishing in the inland waters of the State, except lakes, ponds, rivers, or thoroughfares when fishing from boats or canoes.

This proclamation prohibits all smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods. It does not suspend or prohibit lawful fishing from boats or canoes on lakes, ponds, rivers and thoroughfares.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise June 2, 1944, and shall continue until annulled by further proclamation.

It is essential that all persons in the State cooperate fully in this serious situation. All fire wardens and all game wardens and state officials shall proceed in the enforcement of this proclamation.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this first day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, June 14, 1944, is the 167th anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress of the first flag of the Nation; and

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Whereas, the American flag has become a symbol of democracy the world over; and

Whereas, in this supreme crisis, when our armies press forward to preserve democracy and reestablish liberty, it is fitting that we pay special tribute, in a spirit of profound patriotism and faith, to the emblem of freedom under which we fight;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1944, as

Flag Day,

and urge display of the flag at homes, business places and elsewhere, participation of Maine citizens in appropriate public ceremonies, and reaffirmation of the loyalty pledge:

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

[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 June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,

Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the United States Infantry Association has selected as Infantry Day, June 15—the day on which in 1775 General George Washington was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, which at that time consisted almost entirely of Infantry; and

Whereas, the Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, General Lesley J. McNair, has approved the observance of this day by units and installations of the ground forces; and

Whereas, current military operations prove again and again the Infantry's vital importance; and public recognition of the courage, endurance and responsibility of this great division of our total armed forces is desirable;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 15, 1944, as

Infantry Day,

and call upon the citizens of this state to participate in suitable observance of this day.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, on the first day of June, A. D. 1944, I issued a proclamation under the authority of Sections 38 to 41 inclusive of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 180 of the Public Laws of 1931, suspending the open season for fishing in the inland waters of the state, except lakes, ponds, rivers, or thoroughfares when fishing from boats or canoes, and enjoining all smoking and the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods of the state, effective at sunrise, June 2, 1944, and to continue until annulled by further proclamation; and

Whereas, the conditions then existing which created a serious fire hazard have now ceased to exist, and being satisfied that the occasion has passed for continuing in force the said proclamation;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby annul the proclamation heretofore issued by me as aforesaid.

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[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth.

SUMNER SEWALL,

Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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This proclamation prohibits all smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods. It does not suspend or prohibit lawful fishing from boats or canoes on lakes, ponds, rivers and thoroughfares.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise August 16, 1944 and shall continue until annulled by further proclamation.

It is essential that all persons in the State cooperate fully in this serious situation. All fire wardens and all game wardens and state officials shall proceed in the enforcement of this proclamation.

[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 August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

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United States of America, the One Hundred and
Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, provision was made under Chapter 140 of the Resolves of 1941 and under Chapter 38 of the Resolves of 1943 for a revision of the public laws of the state; and

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

Whereas, it is necessary for the legislature to pass on and enact the current general revision of the statutes at least 90 days prior to the next regular session if the 92nd Legislature is to function on the basis of these revised laws; and

Whereas, it would appear advisable for the present legislature to consider action at this time on certain specific postwar projects in order that construction may be started next spring if war developments permit;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol at Augusta on Monday, the eighteenth day of September, 1944, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to receive such communication as may then be made to them and to consider and determine on such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this first day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

[Seal]

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United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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Whereas, the conditions then existing which created a serious fire hazard have now ceased to exist, and being satisfied that the occasion has passed for continuing in force the said proclamation;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby annul the proclamation heretofore issued by me as aforesaid.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, that important unit of the armed forces, the Women's Army Corps, is urgently in need of additional personnel to fill many and varied services with the Army, in continental United States and overseas; and

Whereas, American women have amply demonstrated their patriotism, heroism and dependability in numerous fields of service during these years of emergency; and

Whereas, this expansion of the Women's Army Corps will enable Maine women to make a tremendously valuable contribution to their country's war effort in time of great need; and

Whereas, the Army Air Force Installation at Dow Field is providing a complete all-soldier show which will tour the State of Maine in the interest of WAC recruiting;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the two weeks, September 4 to 17, 1944, as

Women's Army Corps Weeks,

and urge Maine citizens, particularly all women eligible for WAC recruitment, to attend the various meetings and programs, and to give thoughtful, serious consideration to this appeal for recruits.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, every year in this country, heavy loss in life and property is sustained through the ravages of fire; and

Whereas, in war time, destructive fire does the enemy's work in retarding our war efforts; and

Whereas, prevention of this dissipation of our resources and needless sacrifice of human life is a responsibility of all citizens;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby designate the week of October 8-14, 1944, as

Fire Prevention Week,

and urge all citizens of Maine to be alert to potential fire hazards and to unite in concerted effort to the end that all possible precautions against fire be observed.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Needlework Guild of America again has requested the cooperation of the people of Maine in the annual observance of Needlework Week; and

Whereas, this organization, "The Charity which helps other Charities," for the past fifty-nine years has been active and instrumental in supplying

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new garments for the needy through accredited institutions throughout the nation; and

Whereas, the need for suitable warm clothing during the coming winter is likely to be great, due to the wartime disruptions of family life and general preoccupation with military requirements;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8 to October 14, 1944, as

Needlework Guild Week

in Maine, and earnestly request all citizens to acquaint themselves with the services of the Guild and to cooperate in every way possible in furthering this splendid work.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Protestant churches in many parts of the nation, in cooperation with the Catholic churches and the Jewish synagogues, will celebrate Religious Education Week from September 24 through October 1, 1944; and

Whereas, education in religion is a critical factor in determining the character of our future generations and the advancement of our civilization; and

Whereas, in the present world conflict we realize more clearly than in normal times the need of mankind for reemphasis of moral and spiritual values;

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Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 24, and continuing through Sunday, October 1, 1944, as the

Fourteenth Annual Religious Education Week,

and urge all citizens with their families, to continue or to renew their allegiance to the churches of their choice, and to cooperate in the promotion of interest in religion, as an essential to human welfare.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, National Newspaperboy Day, sponsored by the International Circulation Managers' Association, is to be observed Saturday, October 7; and

Whereas, the newspaperboys of America, half a million strong, are a group worthy of our commendation, not only for the faithful and efficient delivery of our daily newspapers, but for their very considerable aid in various patriotic activities on the home front; and

Whereas, we believe the training they are now receiving will help to develop character, understanding and business responsibility;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 7, 1944, as

State Newspaperboy Day,

for the purpose of giving recognition to these ambitious, energetic youngsters for valuable services to their country, and urge all citizens to be generous in encouragement and praise.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Navy League of the United States has been officially designated by the Secretary of the Navy to arrange the annual Navy Day celebration throughout the nation, as it has done since the inauguration of Navy Day in 1922; and

Whereas, the birth date of President Theodore Roosevelt, October 27, appropriately has been selected as Navy Day, for special tribute in honor of our splendid Navy and its valiant and resourceful officers and men; and

Whereas, the people of Maine take great pride in the victorious sweep of the United States Navy in both the Pacific and Atlantic theatres of the present war;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 27, 1944, as

Navy Day

in Maine, and urge all Maine citizens to give this great branch of our armed services the recognition it so eminently merits, by display of the flag and by participation in local programs marking the occasion. The slogan for Navy Day, 1944, is YOUR FLEET GUARANTEES FREEDOM.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

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United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Parent-Teacher Associations are important factors in the development of a better understanding of our schools and school problems; and

Whereas, the proper education and training of our youth is the best possible assurance of our state's future; and

Whereas, our interest in and support of a vital, dynamic educational program is necessary if our people are to meet fully the demands for able, democratic leadership in our state and nation, and in our developing world society;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period from October 16 to 22, 1944, as

Parent-Teacher Week,

and invite the attention of all citizens to the activities of the Maine Congress of Parents and Teachers, and their cooperation with our teachers in the encouragement of a forward-looking educational program in Maine.

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

[Seal]

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
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STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution to Limit to Highway Purposes the Use of Revenues Derived from the Taxation of Vehicles Used on the Public Highways, and Fuels Used for Propulsion of Such Vehicles.

Whereas, the Ninety-first Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved April 9, 1943, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IX of the constitution is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section to be numbered section 22, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. All revenues derived from fees, excises and license taxes relating to registration, operation and use of vehicles on public highways, and to fuels used for the propulsion of such vehicles shall be expended solely for cost of administration, statutory refunds and adjustments, payment of debts and liabilities incurred in construction and reconstruction of highways and bridges, the cost of construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges under the direction and supervision of a state department having jurisdiction over such highways and bridges and expense for state enforcement of traffic laws and shall not be diverted for any purpose, provided that these limitations shall not apply to revenue from an excise tax on motor vehicles imposed in lieu of personal property tax.' 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 eleventh day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on October fourth, nineteen hundred and forty-four, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely 139,805 for, and 33,172 opposed;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed, and in accordance with the provisions of this said Resolve, the amendment shall hereupon as of the date of this proclamation become a part of the constitution.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at Augusta, this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and in the one hundred and sixty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the day nears when we annually commemorate the armistice of 1918; and

Whereas, it is fitting that we honor both those who fought in the first world war and those who are now engaged in another and greater world conflict on this twenty-sixth anniversary of that day; and

Whereas, it appears we are approaching the victorious conclusion of this second world war, which will afford us another opportunity to so wage peace that wars may end, and that freedom shall be saved and made secure;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim November 11, 1944, as

Armistice Day,

and call upon the people of this state to honor the memory of the men who have died in these wars, and to set aside this day for dedication to principles which will enable our world society to achieve lasting peace with justice for all.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

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United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:
HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, Thanksgiving Day is with us once more; and

Whereas, our harvest of this war year has again been plentiful; and

Whereas, we are able to share this plentiful harvest with war stricken peoples throughout the world; and

Whereas, our labor not only in the fields, but also in the factories, has produced abundantly in support of our sons and those of the united nations who are protecting our freedom; and

Whereas, our united forces are now marching forward toward victory and the liberation of oppressed peoples; and

Whereas, our own great nation still enjoys full liberty, freedom and justice;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 23, 1944, as

Thanksgiving Day,

and urge that we, as citizens of Maine, unite in prayer and thankfulness and thoughtful gratitude for all our blessings.

[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 Forty-four, and of the Independence of the

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United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, our Bill of Rights became effective December 15, 1791; and

Whereas, the principles expressed in these ten original amendments to the United States Constitution offer a great hope in the cause of human freedom; and

Whereas, the wide acceptance of these democratic principles would prove of utmost value in efforts toward a just and enduring peace among the peoples of the world; and

Whereas, the American Bill of Rights Association is working for the recognition of December 15 as Bill of Rights Day;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim December 15, 1944, as

Bill of Rights Day,

and call upon the people of Maine to honor this day by display of the American Flag in thoughtful tribute to our free and brave forefathers who insisted upon incorporation of the Bill of Rights in our fundamental law.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.