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PROCLAMATIONS

by

Governor Horace Hildreth

From May 24, 1945 to May 12, 1947

(as reported to the Revisor of Statutes)

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, June 14, 1945, marks the 168th anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress of the first flag of our Nation; and

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

Whereas, it is particularly fitting, while millions of our soldiers are fighting against the enemies which would destroy liberty and democracy, that we rededicate ourselves anew to this sacred symbol of freedom and justice which has always led the Nation to victory;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1945, as

Flag Day,

and earnestly urge the people of Maine to display the flag at homes, business places and elsewhere; and to join in appropriate public ceremonies in expression of our devotion to this living symbol—"Made by liberty, made for liberty, nourished in its spirit, and carried in its service"—the American Flag.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, after three years and eight months of war, peace has come to our nation; and

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Whereas, in the long and bitter struggle to achieve this victorious peace, 1,634 of our young men gave their lives so that the great principles of democracy on which our nation was built and has prospered would survive in a world torn asunder by aggressors; and

Whereas, these men made the supreme sacrifice bravely on battlefields thousands of miles from home as they and their comrades fought and defeated fanatical enemies who would destroy our way of life; and

Whereas, the date, Tuesday, August 14, 1945, will go down in history as the day which marked the end of the most catastrophic era in history of the world; and

Whereas, we hope and pray it will mark the beginning of an era of good will and peace on earth to all men;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of Maine, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, do hereby appoint Wednesday, August 15, 1945, and Thursday, August 16, 1945, as days of public thanksgiving. Said days are hereby set apart for worship and rejoicing over the victory which has come to us and our allies in bringing to a successful end World War II. Said days are to be observed as holidays.

[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-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred dred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
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 Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945, I do hereby prohibit all smok-

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ing or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods except at public camp sites maintained by the Forestry Department.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, August 22, 1945, 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 twenty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, only through the proper education and training of our Youth can we hope to meet successfully the problems of tomorrow; and

Whereas, the Maine Parent-Teacher Associations have a strategic position in our scheme for the future, and are working tirelessly in the formulation and promulgation of plans for better educational methods; and

Whereas, the citizens of Maine should take active interest in these matters which are so important to our State and our Nation;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period from October 14 to 20, 1945, as

Parent-Teacher Week,

and urge all our citizens to support the activities of the Maine Congress of Parents and Teachers, and to cooperate in every way possible with this

organization's forward-looking program for the advancement of our people through education.

[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 September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, while we rejoice and thank God for the peace which has come to our Nation and to the world after nearly four years of war, at the same time we realize that the readjustment of our family, community and economic life presents many grave problems; and

Whereas, the representatives of our United Nations have been working diligently for the establishment of a just and stable World Order; and

Whereas, secure foundations for a new and better period in our country's life can be laid only as men commit their plans and purposes to the eternal principles of religious faith;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 30, and continuing through Sunday, October 7, 1945, as

Religious Education Week,

and earnestly call upon our citizens, in family groups where possible, to turn to the churches of their choice, and to rededicate themselves to the

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creation of a society and a nation worthy of the sacrifices our fellowmen have made on the world's battlefields.

[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 September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, by Chapter 330, Laws of 1941, approved January 24, 1942, the Standard Time in this State was advanced one hour, beginning at 2:00 A. M. on February 9, 1942, and continuing thereafter during the War and six months after the termination of the said War, and providing further that said Act may be terminated at such time as the Governor by proclamation or the Legislature by resolution may direct, and

Whereas, said Act was passed to conform to an Act of Congress approved January 20, 1942, by which the Standard Time in the various zones established by it was advanced one hour for the duration of the War and six months thereafter, unless sooner terminated by resolution of both Houses of the Congress, and

Whereas, the Congress has by concurrent resolution approved by the President on the 25th day of September, 1945, terminated said Act, effective on the 30th day of September, 1945, at 2 A. M., thus returning on said latter day to the Standard Time as provided by the Act of March 19, 1918, as amended, and

Whereas, by Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, it is provided that "Within this State the Standard Time shall be that which is known and designated by the federal statute as 'United States Eastern Standard Time,' " and

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Whereas, the operation of the aforesaid statute was suspended by the Act of Chapter 330, Laws of 1941, while said Act remained in force,

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, in order to return to United States Eastern Standard Time as it existed prior to the United States Act of January 20, 1942, and declared by Section 4 of Chapter 1, R. S. 1944, to be the Standard Time in this State, and to conform to the Standard Time established by the federal statutes which have been revived by the concurrent resolution of the Congress aforesaid, do hereby terminate Chapter 330, Laws of 1941, and said Act shall cease to be effective after 2 o'clock A. M. September 30, 1945.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, it has become a custom during the past several years to set aside a special day in honor of the boys—more than half a million of them—who are important factors in the machinery of our news delivery service; and

Whereas, these boys not only deliver our newspapers efficiently, but during the critical years of manpower shortage have given immeasurable assistance to the war effort by participating in various community and national wartime drives; and

Whereas, we believe young people should receive generous support in activities through which they are learning first hand the ways of democracy and the responsibilities of doing business with their fellow men;

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 6, 1945, as

State Newspaperboy Day,

and urge all citizens to give every encouragement to these young merchants who are embarking on a career which offers unusual opportunities to young Americans for training in productive individual enterprise.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, an effective United States Navy is of vital importance in safeguarding the future peace of the world; and

Whereas, October 27, the birthday of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, has been selected as Navy Day, for special recognition of this great branch of our armed services; and

Whereas, the people of Maine, proud of their own seafaring heritage, with particular enthusiasm will join in honoring our Naval heroes, who are returning triumphant to home waters after the long and bitter struggle of World War II;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 27, 1945, as

Navy Day,

to be observed by display of the American Flag in homes and places of

business, and by participation in local programs in patriotic expression of our esteem for the officers and men of the greatest U. S. Fleet in history.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The season is at hand for observance of one of the most cherished of our American holidays.

Our Pilgrim forefathers set the pattern for this observance. Having established for themselves a small measure of safety they turned to God to give thanks for the blessings of an abundant harvest, the safety of their loved ones, and their more favorable circumstances.

It is fitting that we continue this time-honored custom of acknowledging our debt to Divine Providence for benefits received and offering prayers for continued guidance.

Seldom have we had greater reason for thankfulness than this year; World War II has ended in victory; our country has escaped the direct blight of war, and our cities and broad fields are intact; our ideals of justice and freedom have triumphed, and our people have shown their steadfast belief in those ideals by willingness to sacrifice even their lives therefor; and our sons and daughters, rededicated to the faith of our fathers, which supported and comforted them in dark hours of battle, are returning to their homes. With our thanks should be offered our sympathy and our prayers for the loved ones of those who will never return.

In this State, our harvests have been bountiful and the production of our industries unprecedented, enabling us to aid less fortunate peoples all over the world.

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 22, 1945, as

Thanksgiving Day,

to be observed in devout gratitude to God for our many blessings and humble prayer to Him for our future welfare.

At this time, let us strengthen the bonds of religion, kinship and friendship, and extend charity to others by word and deed.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the nineteenth national celebration of Army Day will take place on Saturday, April 6, 1946; and

Whereas, it is appropriate on this first peacetime occasion after four war years that we pay especial tribute to the United States Army, which performed stupendous tasks with valor and dispatch and was a major factor in bringing victory over Germany and Japan; and

Whereas, this great branch of our national defense system must have the support and confidence of our people to maintain its effective existence, preserve peace, and safeguard our country;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 6, 1946, as

Army Day,

and call upon the citizens of Maine to observe this day by displaying the

Flag at their homes and places of business, and by participating in local programs honoring our illustrious Army.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the laws of Maine prescribe that the Governor shall annually set apart a day in spring as Arbor Day, to be observed by the people of the state in the planting of trees, shrubs, and vines in the adornment of public and private grounds, places, and ways, and in other appropriate activities; and

Whereas, efforts are being made to establish a unified national celebration of this day on the last Friday of April;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 1946, as

Arbor Day,

and urge state-wide participation in its observance.

Arbor Day offers tremendous opportunity for both direct and long-range benefits. The beautification of our grounds by trees and shrubs gives immediate pleasure and comfort. And the measure of our interest in conservation of forests or reforestation will be a determining factor in the economic situation of our state long after we are gone; since maintenance of forested areas is absolutely necessary to preserve water resources, upon which industrial and agricultural prosperity depend.

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As sons and daughters of the Pine Tree State, it is our obligation to defend and perpetuate Maine's renowned forests.

[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-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the coming summer is expected to bring the greatest influx of visitors in Maine's history; and

Whereas, we naturally want these visitors to be agreeably impressed with the beauty and charm of this State, so that they will not only wish to come again themselves but will speak as our good-will ambassadors to their neighbors and friends all over the country; and

Whereas, one of the most effective methods of creating a favorable impression is to present an attractive appearance; which Maine can certainly do if the charms of her towns and the scenic loveliness of her countrysides are unmarred by the blemishes of ill-kept premises and unsightly rubbish piles; and

Whereas, while some of our cities and towns have conducted clean-up programs, there are still many areas which have received inadequate attention;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 12 to 18, 1946, as

State-wide Clean-up Week,

and urge all residents, young and old, to make a concerted effort to improve the appearance of town and countryside, through the clearance of

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trash and removal of unsightly buildings and fixtures; and wherever possible, to clean up, repair or paint properties which necessarily have been neglected during our preoccupation with war emergencies.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, since 1914 the second Sunday in May, by Congressional Resolution, has been dedicated to the mothers of America; and

Whereas, we again welcome this occasion to pay our respects to those whose especial preoccupation is the preservation of the home and the care of children, and whose influence in shaping the character of youth thereby projects itself into every province of human affairs; and

Whereas, our mothers deeply cherish the appreciation which it is our privilege and pleasure to express;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 12, 1946, as

Mother's Day,

and recommend, in addition to honoring our own mothers by our thoughtful attention at this time, that we extend our sympathies and pay tribute to those bereaved, particularly to those whose sons and daughters have sacrificed their lives in the country's service.

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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 seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, by Congressional resolution the third Sunday in May is set aside for public recognition of all who by coming of age or by naturalization have attained American citizenship status; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that we extend sympathetic fellowship to those of foreign birth who have accepted American ideals and have met our requirements; and

Whereas, with particular pride and confidence we welcome the assumption of suffrage by our Youth, thousands of whom have proved their Americanism in the fight for democracy on world battle fronts; and

Whereas, in the years ahead it is of utmost importance for all Americans to appreciate the responsibilities as well as the rights and privileges which citizenship conveys, and this occasion offers precious opportunity to stimulate such recognition and patriotism;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 19, 1946, as

I Am An American Day,

and urge all Maine citizens to rededicate themselves to the American creed and to strive for the proper indoctrination of our new citizens in the high principles and grave responsibilities of American democracy. Our destiny

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as a nation is directly dependent upon our will and intelligent collective action for the betterment of our country and its people.

[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 May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, June 14, 1946, is the 169th anniversary of the adoption by Continental Congress of the first flag of the United States; and

Whereas, the flag of a country is the embodiment of its principles, its past deeds of accomplishment, and its hopes for the future; and

Whereas, the American flag has become a world-wide symbol of liberty, democracy, humanitarianism and progress; and

Whereas, in honoring our flag, we pay tribute to the courage and idealism which created our Republic, and to all patriotic Americans down through the years who, realizing their obligation, have worked, fought and sacrificed—even to giving their lives—that this country and the principles of human freedom for which it stands might survive;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1946, as

Flag Day,

to be patriotically observed by appropriate public ceremonies and by display of the flag at homes and places of business.

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 tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, it appears desirable that the Legislature of the State should meet in special session for the purpose of considering problems relating to veterans,

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, 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 eighth day of July 1946 at three o'clock in the afternoon (Eastern Standard Time) 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 twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventieth.

HORACE HILDRETH,
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 Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945, I do hereby prohibit all smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods except at public camp sites maintained by the Forestry Department.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, July 21, 1946, 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 twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Because of the relief by sufficient rainfall during the past few days, which has aided in the suppression of existing fires and a reduction of forest fire hazard in the forests of Maine, and upon the recommendation of the State Forest Commissioner and pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945, I do hereby remove the prohibition of smoking or the building of any and all fires out

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of doors in the woods except in Hancock and Washington Counties where a serious fire hazard still continues.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, July 25, 1946.

It is urged that all persons in the State cooperate and remain vigilant in the prevention of fires. 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 twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the complete defeat of Japan, August 14, 1945, ended the most titanic conflict in world history with victory for the United States and her Allies; and

Whereas, for our present freedom, comfort, and possibly for our very lives, we are indebted to those who served our country so nobly and successfully during World War II; and

Whereas, this military victory, made possible by the devotion, labor, and scientific genius of free men, marks an epochal achievement for the cause of human freedom, setting the stage for the building of a new world in which war may be outlawed; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the anniversary of this event should be observed in keeping with its importance in the annals of mankind;

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 14, 1946, as

Victory Day of World War II,

and call upon the people of Maine to observe this day by participation in appropriate memorial services and patriotic demonstrations, ever bearing in mind the responsibility which devolves upon each and every one of us to translate the military victory into a peace which shall endure.

I take this occasion to emphasize our individual responsibility for cultivating the friendship of peoples of other nations and races as a prerequisite for world peace. We must strive for a tolerance of all our fellowmen to insure lasting peace, since only thus can we discharge our obligation to our heroic dead and confer a birthright of honor, freedom and opportunity on future generations.

I urge that the American flag and the flags of the Allied Nations be displayed at homes and places of business as tokens of our international good will and in honor of our men who fought in World War II.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Because of the relief by sufficient rainfall, which has reduced the forest fire hazard in the forests of Maine, and upon recommendation of the State Forest Commissioner and pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945, I do hereby remove the

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prohibition of smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods in Hancock and Washington Counties.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, August 28, 1946.

It is urged that all persons in the State continue to cooperate and remain vigilant in the prevention of fires.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Congress of the United States of America by unanimous enactment of Public Law 176 designated the first full week of October, annually, as "National Employ the Handicapped Week," and

Whereas, President Truman by his proclamation has set aside the week of October 6 to 12 for the 1946 observance of this week, and

Whereas, Maine has about 6500 handicapped persons, not including those disabled incident to World War II, and

Whereas, a vast majority of these disabled persons suffered their handicaps either in actively fighting battles with the Armed Services, or in providing the sinews of war in vital industries here at home, and

Whereas, most of these disabled persons have abilities and skills which can be utilized in fighting the industrial battles of reconversion to Peace, and

Whereas, handicapped workers have established enviable production records in many industries where their absentee rate is low, and where their accident rate is almost negligible,

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6 to 12 as

“Maine Employ the Handicapped Week,”

and do urge all our citizens, and more particularly employers of labor, to cooperate with Federal and State agencies, Servicemen’s organizations, and civic groups, in promoting and developing full employment for all Maine’s handicapped workers, to the end that in every community these disabled men and women may be given an opportunity to strive for an independent livelihood.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the forces which operate in war—greed, hatred, lust for power—are also present in times of peace, producing war and making of Peace only an Armistice;

Whereas, the only substitute for hatred is good-will; for greed is unselfishness; for infamy is integrity; for self-seeking is self-giving;

Whereas, these forces of religion which stem from our religious faith must be kept vital and dynamic if we are to preserve sound foundations for our nation and for international cooperation;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 29, and continuing through Sunday, October 6, 1946, as the

Sixteenth Annual Religious Education Week.

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I earnestly call upon the citizens of Maine to rededicate themselves to the creation within our society of those values of basic human worth, of personal integrity, of stable home life, of honest civic life, of ethical professional practice, of understanding, fair play and cooperation between groups and races, which alone can give our nation moral leadership in the family of nations. Let us go to our churches for worship and for rededication to the highest loyalties. Let us come away from our churches determined to live out in daily practice the precepts of the world's greatest religion.

[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 September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, National Newspaperboy Day, honoring more than a half million of our boys, is to be observed on Saturday, October 5; and

Whereas, these boys, while giving us faithful and efficient service in the delivery of our daily newspapers are also giving us a practical demonstration of business responsibility; and

Whereas, we believe that the training they are receiving in this line of endeavor will prove invaluable to them in learning at first hand the ways of democracy and their obligation in the world of business;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 5, 1946, as

State Newspaperboy Day,

for the purpose of giving recognition and encouragement to these young merchants who are embarking on a career which offers unusual oppor-

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tunities to young Americans for training in productive individual enterprise.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, since 1922, October 27 has been observed throughout the Nation as Navy Day; and

Whereas, this date is one of special significance in the history of the United States Navy; being the anniversary of the reception by Congress in 1775 of the bill for the creation and establishment of a fleet; also the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt, who recognized the need for a powerful Navy and with characteristic energy and forcefulness supported a program which resulted in a Navy respected by every nation in the world; and

Whereas, in this critical time we must maintain the strength and prestige of our Navy as an important instrument of security at home and peace abroad; and

Whereas, the people of Maine, with their seafaring background and enviable reputation not only as able seamen but as the builders of fine ships, take particular pride in this distinguished branch of our armed services;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 27, 1946, as

Navy Day,

in honor of the men and ships of the United States Navy, which played such a tremendous part in winning the victory in World War II. I urge

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that the American flag be displayed in homes and places of business on this day and that all Maine people participate in local Navy Day programs.

[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-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, it is the season for the second Thanksgiving Day to be observed since the cessation of war; and

Whereas, during this period of transition from war to peace, we humbly ask for Divine Guidance in making our adjustments to life in a new and different world; and

Whereas, on this especially appointed day we are following a precedent set long ago by a grateful people who, like us, rejoiced in the great material benefits with which they were blessed, and for calamity diverted; and

Whereas, we give thanks, not only for abundant harvests on land and in the sea, but also that as a free people we are able to make our contribution in building the kind of world we hope for;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1946, as

Thanksgiving Day,

to be observed in the spirit of faith that we inherit and share; the faith that leads us to gather at our respective places of worship to express our

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gratitude for the opportunity afforded us to build enduring peace and security, and to pray for understanding and guidance along the path to the future that is ours.

[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-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, for generations thrifty Maine housewives have invariably had a spring house-cleaning; and

Whereas, a similar clean-up of buildings, yards, streets and highways, parks, picnic and playgrounds is necessary; and

Whereas, such a clean-up is highly desirable not only to create a favorable impression on the hundreds of thousands of summer visitors who will come to Maine this year, but also to develop the civic pride of our citizens and our children;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, do hereby proclaim April 20 to 26 as

State-wide Clean-up Week,

and urge all residents, young and old, to make a concerted and continuing effort to better the appearance of town and countryside, through the im-

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provement of the exteriors of buildings, the removal of trash and unsightly objects.

[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-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-first.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the twentieth national celebration of Army Day will take place on Monday, April 7, 1947; and

Whereas, the security of our country, the prevention of another world conflict and the successful carrying out of our foreign policy necessitate a strong national defense force quickly available for action; and

Whereas, the United States Army, with the United States Navy and Air Forces, has unfailingly throughout our history added to its glorious pages; and

Whereas, this great branch of our national defense system must have and deserves the wholehearted support and confidence of our people to maintain its effective existence, preserve peace, and safeguard our country;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, in furtherance of the President's proclamation of March 7, 1947, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 7, 1947, as

Army Day,

and call upon the citizens of Maine to observe this day by displaying the

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Flag at their homes and places of business, and by participating in local programs honoring our illustrious Army.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the laws of Maine prescribe that the Governor shall annually set apart a day in spring as Arbor Day, to be observed by the people of the state in the planting of trees, shrubs, and vines in the adornment of public and private grounds, places, and ways, and in other appropriate activities; and

Whereas, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the first Arbor Day, initiated in the State of Nebraska by Julius Sterling Morton; and

Whereas, during those seventy-five years, this movement to encourage the growing of trees of all types has spread through every state and many foreign countries, the many millions of trees so planted serving as useful and valuable memorials to the vision of the initiator; and

Whereas, Arbor Day is virtually the only national observance which looks to the future, rather than the past, and to the conservation and perpetuation of our natural resources; and

Whereas, it is fitting, therefore, that we pay tribute to the founder on this diamond jubilee of the first Arbor Day;

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 10, 1947 as

Arbor Day,

and urge state-wide participation in its observance.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, according to Congressional Resolution, the second Sunday in May has been dedicated to the mothers of America; and

Whereas, we gladly pay tribute to those whose home-making responsibilities grow steadily in importance as the tempo of living increases; and

Whereas, it is the mothers of our state who have guided its youth in learning to build, and to live in, a democracy;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 11, 1947, as

Mothers' Day,

and recommend that this demonstrated appreciation of our mothers be not confined to one day, but continued throughout the year.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, Sunday, May 18th, has been proclaimed by the President of the United States as I Am An American Day; and

Whereas, the observance of this day is intended to honor all new citizens including those who attain this status by coming of age or by naturalization; and

Whereas, citizenship, during these postwar years, is especially significant, and it is vital that these new citizens understand their responsibilities in our representative democracy; and

Whereas, it has been urged that educational programs be held on or about May 18 designed to help our citizens understand their part in building a united nation whose objective is the perpetuation of freedom and of peace;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 18, 1947, as

I Am An American Day,

and urge all Maine citizens to cherish their privileges and to accept with understanding their responsibilities in our self-governing Republic.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

By the Governor:

HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.