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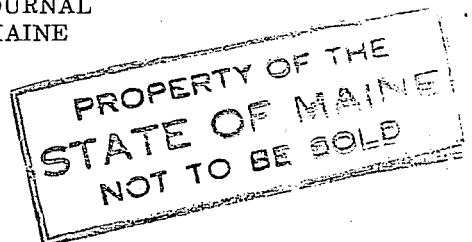
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Governor Horace Hildreth

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(as reported to the Director of Legislative Research)

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, June 14, 1947, is the One Hundred Seventieth Anniversary date of the adoption by the Continental Congress of the first Flag of our Nation; and

Whereas, the flag of our country has become a symbol to the world representing the ideals of equality of opportunity, individual freedom and representative government; and

Whereas, it is important that we continually pledge our allegiance to this symbol of our national ideals;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim

June 14, 1947, as Flag Day,

and urge Maine citizens to observe it by appropriate public ceremonies and by display of the flag at homes and places of business.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this ninth day of June, 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 present world situation is so involved and delicate that our National security is imperiled; and

Whereas, the National Guard of the United States has been a bulwark of our military forces in struggles against foreign aggressors and the support of our people in times of domestic disaster; and

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Whereas, the security of our Nation demands that the National Guard be fully manned, equipped and trained as a force immediately available in time of national danger; and

Whereas, September 16, 1947, marks the seventh anniversary of the entrance of the first units of the Maine National Guard into the Nation's service during the emergency preceding World War II,

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, in order that we may give special recognition to the Maine men of the National Guard of the United States who have given their services and their lives for the security of their country, in compliance with the wishes of the President of the United States do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 16, 1947, as

National Guard Day

and, I also direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all armories and other State buildings on that day.

This is a time when all citizens should feel that upon them rests the responsibility of maintaining the National Guard of the United States at adequate strength and I urge them to give their earnest attention to the units of the National Guard in their communities and assist in the organization, recruiting and development of those units in every way possible.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, despite a military victory won in the name of freedom, there is chaos, uncertainty, suspicion and disunity among the nations of the world;

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Whereas, many people in nations whether victorious or defeated are bewildered because their sense of security is lost in the ravages of war and the fears of impending conflict;

Whereas, rapid transportation, instantaneous communication and the atomic power at our disposal place in human hands tremendous force for good or for destruction;

Whereas, there is but one Power to whom the distressed peoples of earth may turn for guidance, buttressing of faith and consolation, the one God we worship, and true salvation lies in personal commitment to His will as the Creator of all things and the Father of all mankind;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 28 and continuing through Sunday, October 5, as the

Seventeenth Annual Religious Education Week

I urgently call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves anew to the development of a society built on the solid foundations of religious faith. We have learned how to release great physical power for building and for destruction. Let us now learn how to release more of the spiritual power that resides in man and to do so through worship, through religious teaching, through religious living in home, church and community. Let us seek and share that faith which means the victory for today and the assurance of victory for tomorrow.

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the citizens of Maine are becoming increasingly conscious that they owe an obligation to the more than 10,000 physically handicapped per-

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sons in the State, to enable veteran and non-veteran alike to support themselves independently, and

Whereas, the Seventy-ninth Congress of the United States of America unanimously enacted Public Law 176 designating the first full week of October, annually, as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," and

Whereas, President Truman by proclamation has set aside the week of October 5 to 11 for the 1947 and third annual observance of this week, and

Whereas, while Maine's handicapped thousands must live, either by self-support or public funds, they are self-respecting and prefer to be independent rather than liabilities on their communities and State, and

Whereas, every unemployed handicapped person who has a skill or aptitude is a potential producer in some job, and every such person without skill may be trained through the State's educational and employment service facilities to become adept in some employed capacity, and

Whereas, records the Nation over prove that handicapped workers are good producers, that they are safe workers, that they stay at the job, and that they are not handicapped when placed in the right jobs, and

Whereas, machinery has been set up State-wide to assist employers to find the right type of handicapped persons for available jobs, and to assist the handicapped in finding jobs for which they are suited,

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 to 11 as

Maine Employ the Physically Handicapped Week

and do urge all our citizens, and more particularly employers of labor, to cooperate with Federal agencies, the State Employment Service and Department of Education Physical Rehabilitation Division, the Veterans Administration and all other interested groups, in promoting and developing full employment for every Maine handicapped person capable of work, to the end that in every community these worthy men and women may gain opportunity to engage in gainful occupation and become economically independent.

[Seal]

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 September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven, and of the Independence

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of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Prolonged drought conditions with weather predictions indicating no relief in sight have resulted in a serious fire hazard to the forests of Maine. On 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 suspend the open season for hunting in all sections of the forests of the State and 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, October 17, 1947, 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 sixteenth day of October, 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, many of our honored war dead are homeward bound; and

Whereas, 3,123 of nearly 90,000 young men and women of Maine who participated in World War II gave their lives in that titanic struggle; and

Whereas, the arrival home of these battle dead coincides with the arrival in Maine of the Freedom Train bearing the original documents embodying the principles of freedom upon which this nation was founded, and for whose preservation these men died; and

Whereas, their return to their native State revives anew the memory of their patriotic sacrifices which should ever strengthen our resolve to seek every justifiable means to prevent future wars; and

Whereas, these men are coming home to a nation that is laboring to protect the peace these men won with their lives;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim

Thursday, October 30, 1947 from 11 A. M. to 12 Noon as

A Day of Mourning

in order to pay tribute to all our State's honored war dead and the principles for which they gave their lives. I urge the participation of all our citizens in this hour of mourning and invite all municipal governments to join the State in official memorial services on that day. I ask the cooperation of all veterans' organizations and request that all industrial and mercantile establishments be closed during the hour of service and that flags be displayed at half-mast on that day.

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

[Seal]

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, October 27 is the anniversary of the reception by the Congress in 1776 of the bill whence developed the United States Navy; and

Whereas, this is the first year of our unified command system; and

Whereas, the Navy is a powerful unit of the unified command within which, at far-flung stations and aboard ship on all the waters of the globe, the men of the United States Navy stand ready to safeguard Freedom, so dearly won in the last war, and to protect our National independence; and

Whereas, during World War II so many Maine men contributed of their talent and skills to build ships for the Navy, and thousands more served our great fleets wherever they hunted the enemy, just as Maine men always have built fine ships and have served ably and pridefully on the high seas; and

Whereas, the people of Maine wish to express their gratitude and sense of obligation to this distinguished arm of our now unified forces;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 27, 1947, as

Navy Day

in honor of the men and ships of the United States Navy. I urge 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 twentieth day of October, 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, many raging fires are being reported in the woods in various parts of the State, and

Whereas, the long and continued drought has increased the menace of fire in the forests of the State, and

Whereas, it appears to me that hunting is likely to increase such menace and fire hazard,

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945, do hereby suspend the open season for hunting, and hunting is hereby prohibited in all parts of the State, and I also prohibit all smoking or the building of fires out of doors in all sections of the woods in the State.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, October 22, 1947, and shall continue until annulled by me, by further proclamation.

This proclamation is to supersede the proclamation I heretofore issued, on October 16, 1947, which is hereby annulled.

I hereby urgently request all persons in the State to lend their fullest cooperation in the observance of this proclamation.

All fire wardens, game wardens and all peace officers of the State are hereby ordered to enforce the provisions 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 October, 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Because drought conditions have been relieved sufficiently to reduce 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 suspension of the open season for hunting and I do hereby remove the prohibition of smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods in all counties of the State with the exception of the County of York.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, on November 10, 1947, and modifies the proclamation issued on October 22, 1947 to the extent above set forth.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this ninth day of November 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the State of Maine, in common with the individual communities, desires to pay tribute to our returned war dead, some of whom already have been received with appropriate honor, and others will be coming home to rest in their native State for all time henceforth; and

Whereas, postponement of the official Day of Mourning originally proclaimed for State-wide observance, October 30, was necessitated by the forest fires emergency; and

Whereas, December 7 is significantly a day of remembrance in our World War II annals;

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim anew

Sunday, December 7, 1947 from 2 P. M. to 3 P. M. as

A Day of Mourning

in order to pay tribute to all our State's honored war dead and the principles for which they gave their lives. I urge the participation of all our citizens in this hour of mourning and invite the municipal governments of such communities as have not already conducted such observances locally to join the State in official memorial services on that day. I ask the cooperation of all veterans' organizations and of their auxiliaries and affiliated groups. I also ask the cooperation of our churches of whatever sect or creed, that they may devote a part of their services of worship on that day to this observance, or that attention to the same may be called during morning services. Finally, I ask that flags be displayed at half-mast 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 twelfth day of November, 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Because drought conditions have been relieved sufficiently to reduce 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 suspension of the open season for hunting in the County of York, and I also remove the prohibition against smoking and building of outdoor fires in the woods in said County.

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This proclamation shall be effective at 12 noon, November 12, 1947, and the proclamation issued October 21, 1947, is hereby annulled.

[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 November 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the season in which traditionally the people of Maine join the people of our sister states in observing Thanksgiving is upon us; and

Whereas, the people of Maine have especial reason to give thanks that in our recent disaster the cost in human lives, though deplorable, was low; and

Whereas, the emergency revealed the finer qualities of the brotherhood of man in helpfulness to one another seldom recalled in our State's history; and

Whereas, on this especially appointed day we follow a precedent set long ago by a grateful people who, in their time, rejoiced even as we today rejoice, in the material benefits with which they were blessed; and

Whereas, we give thanks in this present day, not only for the material wealth that comes to us as God's bounty, but for the opportunity at hand to help alleviate the sufferings of untold millions across the seas in lands where the wrongs of mankind have prevented the normal pursuits of self-preservation;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim

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Thursday, November 27, 1947 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 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 and our children's. I ask that in preparation for our own rejoicing, we remember the sad plight of others less fortunate; that through our churches each Maine family donate gifts of money or as much nourishing canned food as they can spare to be sent abroad, and in this manner invite the undernourished people of impoverished lands to be our absent guests on this day, regardless of race, color or creed. Let us remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

[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 November, 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-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the sixth day of April annually is celebrated nationally as Army Day, pursuant to agreement of the Houses of the Congress in March 1937; and

Whereas, traditionally the national security, prevention of hostile aggression and the successful execution of our foreign commitments have in large measure depended upon the efficiency of our armed forces wherever maintained; and

Whereas, the United States Army, no less than the United States Navy and the more recently developed Air Forces, has, from the founding days of the Republic, advanced a glorious record of victory; and

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Whereas, today the United States stands as the last guardian and guarantor of human freedom and the dignity of the individual, and even now is being challenged as to its high purpose; and

Whereas, accordingly it becomes more than ever necessary to strengthen our Army and establish definitely its potential reserve and recruiting resources, and to arouse public support and confidence better to effectuate loyalty of and for the Army;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, in furtherance of the President's proclamation of February 28, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 6, 1948, 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-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Cancer is a disease which was old when the empires of Alexander and Caesar were young. It affects all plant and animal life. Its lethal touch is felt in one of every two American homes. Last year it killed more than 188,000 Americans. Every three minutes someone in the Nation dies of cancer. It menaces every individual.

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The Maine Cancer Society, Inc., a division and branch of the American Cancer Society, Inc., offers service to sufferers in the state, provides treatment and alleviation of pain, contributes funds for research, and sponsors an educational program to acquaint the public with its work and with the means of preventing this scourge from taking toll of your family and your friends.

In recent years our laboratories have developed several leads to the secrets of cancer. They have shown that a measure of control can be exercised over this cruel killer, and they give the hope and the promise that some day cancer will be conquered completely. In our own State of Maine, the Jackson Memorial Laboratory ranks among the world's greatest research centers in combating this dread disease.

Whereas, lives are being saved through the Maine Cancer Society's program of research, education and service; and

Whereas, there is a great need for the expansion of these services; and

Whereas, it is the right and duty of each citizen to dedicate some of his time, his talents, his energies and his money to the benefit of his community in this mighty effort to conquer cancer;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1948, as

Cancer Control Month

and urge that the people of the State of Maine support fully the Maine Cancer Society's campaign of research, education and service.

[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 March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the advent of Spring annually brings individual and public consciousness of the freshness of Nature rejuvenated; and

Whereas, Spring house-cleaning is the heritage and practice of generations of Maine homemakers; and

Whereas, our residential properties and public grounds, school yards, parks, playgrounds, streets and highways deserve equal attention in order to present wholesome appearance, reduction of fire hazards and sanitary condition; and

Whereas, such clean-up activity stimulates civic pride on the part of ourselves and our neighbors and creates admiration on the part of our thousands of vacation visitors each year;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, do hereby proclaim April 19 to 24 as

State-Wide Clean-Up Week

and urge all able-bodied residents to devote time and energy ample to the accomplishment of our objective of improving the appearance of town and countryside, renovating exteriors of buildings and the tidying of outdoor properties to which we have proper access.

[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 March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,

Governor.

By the Governor,

HAROLD I. GOSS,

Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Governor of Maine has been directed by legislative edict annually to establish a day in the Spring season known as Arbor Day;

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and the National Arborist Association, concerned lest the institution of Arbor Day lose significance, now seeks to have April 30 designated for the annual observance in all states; and

Whereas, recent devastation by fire has made us conscious of our great need to conserve the bounties of Nature, the trees of the forests, the wild life they shelter and protect; and

Whereas, we owe it to our future generations even as to ourselves to perpetuate these natural assets for their material resources they provide in the economic life of our people, no less than for the beauties and attractions they offer alike to native and tourist from without our borders;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of April 25 to May 1 inclusive as Conservation Week, and designate Friday, April 30 as

Arbor Day and Bird Day

I urge that all our citizens cooperate in the full spirit of observance of this week and this day, that the benefits of conservation of our most valued natural resources be duly considered, that due thought be given to prevention of fires in our forest areas, that about our homes Arbor Day be observed through the planting of useful trees and shrubs, and that in our schools as in our homes, suitable steps be taken to inculcate in our youth proper regard for our bird friends as well as all Maine's bounties of Nature.

[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 April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the President of the United States has designated Sunday, May 16, as I Am An American Day; and

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Whereas, this occasion is intended to honor those among us who attain American citizenship, either as newcomers to our land of liberty or as our sons and daughters who come of age, and to stress the privilege of such citizenship; and

Whereas, American citizenship presently requires the greatest unity of purpose and strength to insure the preservation of our traditions and our way of life against onslaughts both foreign and domestic; and

Whereas, the holding of exercises and educational programs to help our citizens better to understand their part in unifying the Nation is an important function of this annual observance;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 16, 1948, as

I Am An American Day

and urge all Maine citizens to cherish their privileges and solemnly to accept their responsibilities as citizens to the end that this Nation may ever preserve its strength and its leadership for all who seek peace and freedom.

[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 April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, since 1914 by joint resolution of the Congress, the American people have joined in common tribute on the second Sunday in May to the Mothers of mankind; and

Whereas, the object of the day is to strengthen the ties of affection, to reverence the memory of the Mothers who have been "lost awhile," and

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to brighten the lives of those mothers still within the reach of loving care; and

Whereas, to the mothers of Maine men and women we owe most of all that stamps Maine character as upright, steadfast, courageous and patriotic;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 9, 1948, as

Mothers' Day

and urge that it be observed fittingly in every Maine home where a mother or a mother's memory dwells.

[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-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-second.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, June 14, 1948, marks the One Hundred Seventy-first Anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress of the first Flag of the Nation; and

Whereas, to all oppressed peoples the Flag of the United States of America for nearly two centuries has been regarded as symbolic of a land of opportunity, equality, freedom and justice; and

Whereas, present day conditions throughout the world necessitate a firmer devotion to our National ideals as a safeguard to our government and institutions, and a renewed pledge of allegiance to the Flag under whose protection we live and work and enjoy more blessings than any other people on earth;

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1948, as

Flag Day

and urge Maine citizens to observe it through appropriate public ceremonies and in our schools, and by display of the Flag at our homes and places of business.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, by Section 10, subdivision (5) of Public Law 759 of the Eightieth Congress, the "Selective Service Act of 1948," the President of the United States was authorized

"(5) to utilize the services of any or all departments and any and all officers or agents of the United States, and to accept the services of all officers and agents of the several States, Territories, and possessions, and subdivisions thereof, and the District of Columbia, and of private welfare organizations, in the execution of this title;" and

Whereas, on the twentieth day of July, A. D., 1948, the President of the United States by Proclamation provided for the registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons residing in the United States who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth and who shall have not attained the twenty-sixth anniversary of the day of their birth on the day and days therein designated for their registration, as follows:

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"1. (a) Persons born in the year 1922 after August 30, 1922, shall be registered on Monday, the 30th day of August, 1948.

"(b) Persons born in the year 1923 shall be registered on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1948, or on Wednesday, the 1st day of September, 1948.

"(c) Persons born in the year 1924 shall be registered on Thursday, the 2nd day of September, 1948, or on Friday, the 3rd day of September, 1948.

"(d) Persons born in the year 1925 shall be registered on Saturday, the 4th day of September, 1948, or on Tuesday, the 7th day of September, 1948.

"(e) Persons born in the year 1926 shall be registered on Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 1948, or on Thursday, the 9th day of September, 1948.

"(f) Persons born in the year 1927 shall be registered on Friday, the 10th day of September, 1948, or on Saturday, the 11th day of September, 1948.

"(g) Persons born in the year 1928 shall be registered on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1948, or on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1948.

"(h) Persons born in the year 1929 shall be registered on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 1948, or on Thursday, the 16th day of September, 1948.

"(i) Persons born in the year 1930 before September 19, 1930, shall be registered on Friday, the 17th day of September, 1948, or on Saturday, the 18th day of September, 1948.

"(j) Persons who were born on or after September 19, 1930, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth, or within five days thereafter.

"2. (a) Every male citizen of the United States and every other male person residing in the United States other than persons excepted by section 6 (a) of title I of the Selective Service Act of 1948, who is within any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands and who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of his birth and who shall have not attained the twenty-sixth anniversary of the day of his birth on the day or any of the days fixed herein for his

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registration is required to and shall on that day or any of those days present himself for and submit to registration before a duly designated registration official or selective service local board having jurisdiction in the area in which he has his permanent home or in which he may happen to be on that day or any of those days.

“(b) A person subject to registration may register after the day or days fixed for registration in case he is prevented from registering on that day or any of those days by circumstances beyond his control or because he is not present in any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, on that day or any of those days. If he is not in any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, on the day or any of the days fixed for registration but subsequently enters any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, he shall within five days after such entrance present himself for and submit to registration before a duly designated registration official or selective service local board. If he is in any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands, on the day or any of the days fixed for registration but because of circumstances beyond his control is unable to present himself for and submit to registration on that day or any of those days he shall do so as soon as possible after the cause for such inability ceases to exist;” and

Whereas, by Section 4, the Proclamation of the President of the United States calls “upon the Governors of each of the several States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and all officers and agents of the United States and all officers and agents of the several States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, and political subdivisions thereof, and all local boards which, and agents thereof who, may be appointed under the provisions of title I of the Selective Service Act of 1948, or the regulations which may be prescribed thereunder, to do and perform all acts and services necessary to accomplish effective and complete registration;” and

Whereas, Section 5 of said Proclamation is as follows:

“5. In order that there may be full cooperation in carrying into effect the purposes of title I of the Selective Service Act of 1948, I urge all employers and Government agencies of all kinds—Federal, State, territorial

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and local—to give those under their charge sufficient time in which to fulfill the obligations of registration incumbent upon them under the said Act and this proclamation;”

Now, therefore, I, Horace A. Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby request of all officials of the State of Maine, and of its counties and municipalities full cooperation in effecting registration as required under the Selective Service Act of 1948; and in view of the personal sacrifice to be made by the men who are being registered for military service, it is deemed fitting that the registration be conducted by citizens, including the regular election officials, who volunteer their services as a contribution to the national defense, and, accordingly, no compensation shall be paid for the services of the registrars, and in like manner will members of local selective service boards contribute their services.

That all possible assistance be made available, I respectfully invite the Maine Department of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish War Veterans, the American Veterans of World War II, as well as members of the State and County Bar Associations, to volunteer their services to advise and aid registrants in the proper and prompt preparation of questionnaires.

Believing it most appropriate to the occasion, I call upon the citizens of Maine, organizations—civic, patriotic, and fraternal—guardians of public buildings and of places of business in general, to fly the American Flag from homes, business institutions, schools and colleges, and I further direct that the Flag be displayed from all State buildings and properties under its supervision on Registration Days.

To the end that the purposes of the Selective Service Act of 1948 be carried into effect throughout the State of Maine, I urge employers in all sections of Maine, as well as government agencies, State and local, to allow those under their charge sufficient time off from their labors in order that they may comply with the obligations imposed upon them under said Act.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge a unification of the forces of Maine citizens upon whom this master task of registration rests, in the hope that all assignments made by the Selective Service regulations, and the duties of subjects as enumerated by Presidential Proclamation, will be performed with all possible dispatch and fairness, to the credit of the State of Maine and her citizens in general.

[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 July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight and of the Independence of the

United States of America the One Hundred and
Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, Public Law 759 of the 80th Congress, also known as the Selective Service Act of 1948 provides in Sec. 6 (c) (2)A that "In any case in which the Governor of any State determines and issues a proclamation to the effect that the authorized strength of any organized unit of the National Guard cannot be maintained by enlistment or appointment of persons who are not liable for training and service under such Act, or any persons who served honorably on active duty between September 16, 1940, and June 24, 1948 for a period of ninety days or more but less than twelve months in the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Public Health Service, or the armed Forces of any country allied with the United States in World War II prior to September 2, 1945, any person, who prior to attaining the age of 18 years and six months, enlists or accepts appointment in any such organized unit shall be deferred from training and service under this Act so long as he continues to serve satisfactorily as a member of such organized unit"; and

Whereas, I have determined that the authorized strength of certain organized units of the Maine National Guard cannot be maintained by the enlistment or appointment of persons in the categories referred to above,

Now, therefore, I, Horace A. Hildreth, in accordance with Public Law 759, 80th Congress and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Maine, in order that the Maine National Guard may discharge its responsibility to the security of the Nation, do hereby proclaim that the authorized strength of certain organized units of the Maine National Guard cannot be maintained through the enlistment or appointment of persons referred to in Sec. 6 (c) (2)A.

And I hereby direct the Adjutant General of Maine to maintain a current list of those organized units of the Maine National Guard which have not reached or cannot be maintained at their authorized strengths as designated from time to time by the Adjutant General under my direction.

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I also invite young men from the age of 17 to 18 years and six months to enlist in those organized units of the Maine National Guard which are not at authorized strength and thus meet their obligation of service to their country while at the same time they continue their education or employment.

[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 July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the President of the United States has proclaimed September 16, 1948, as National Guard Day to honor those who have served and those who are now serving their country in the National Guard, the Nation's first line of defense, and

Whereas, the National Guard is on this day commemorating the eighth anniversary of its induction into the Federal service for World War II, and

Whereas, the Maine National Guard has long and faithfully served both state and nation, in time of peace as well as in time of war;

Now, therefore, I, Horace A. Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, in order that we may honor our men of the National Guard for their services to the State and Nation in every conflict in which our country has been engaged, do hereby proclaim

Thursday, September 16, 1948, as
National Guard Day

in the State of Maine. I urge all the citizens of this great State to support in every way they can, the growth of the National Guard.

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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 ninth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Prolonged drought conditions have resulted in a situation approaching the critical period directly preceding the forest fires of a year ago, and with weather forecasts indicating no general relief predictable, a serious fire hazard to the forests of Maine exists.

On 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, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby prohibit all smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods in all sections of the State, except at public camp sites maintained by the Forestry Department.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise September 10, 1948, and shall continue until annulled by further proclamation.

It is essential that all persons in the State cooperate fully in this critical 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 ninth day of September, in the year

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[Seal]

of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, in the world's present conflict of ideologies it appears that the policies and actions of the United States of America must largely determine the destinies of men and nations everywhere; and

Whereas, our Nation, to avoid the fate of empires which grew strong materially and weak in character, must adhere to the principles of the Founding Fathers; and

Whereas, these principles were basically moral and spiritual, rather than political and economic, and were founded on religious conviction; and

Whereas, because of our technocratic complex, the external pressure of materialistic and ambitious powers, and the prevailing pessimism of people who fear another World War the American Nation needs today as never before a renewed interest and faith in moral and spiritual values;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the period Sunday, September 26 through Sunday, October 3, 1948, as the eighteenth annual

Religious Education Week,

and urge that in our churches and schools of religion, we re-inform our individual minds and renew our spirits at the fountainhead of all wisdom and inspiration, namely, The Eternal God. So shall our life together in family, community, state and nation be strengthened and made more adequate to the demands of these critical days.

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 twenty-first day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Whereas, in Maine are more than 10,000 physically handicapped persons whose disabilities make difficult their efforts to earn their own livelihood and to take their rightful places in our independent society; and

Whereas, many of these have suffered their disabilities as casualties of war in our national defense, others in industry where they plied their trades and skills, and yet others in accidents that continue to plague us despite all campaigns of education to preserve human life and health; and

Whereas, thousands of physically handicapped persons throughout the Nation have proved that many disabilities do not prevent those so handicapped from turning in efficient and productive labor; and

Whereas, Public Law 176 of the Seventy-Ninth Congress designates the first full week of October, annually, as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week"; and

Whereas, Maine's handicapped persons must either be afforded the opportunity to earn their own livelihood or be supported by public funds, but vastly prefer to be independent and self-supporting; and

Whereas, Maine's employers have an opportunity to help many of these handicapped men and women to find gainful employment and, with it, self-respect; and

Whereas, any handicapped person now lacking special skills for work may be assisted through the State's educational and employment service facilities to become adept in some employed capacity; and

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Whereas, facilities already have been instituted to assist employers to locate handicapped persons adapted to special jobs, and to assist the handicapped in finding work for which they are suited;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3 to 9 as

Maine Employ the Physically Handicapped Week

and do urge all citizens of the State, and more especially employers, to cooperate with all Federal, State and local agencies, the State Employment Service, the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Education, the Veterans Administration and all other interested groups, in promoting and developing full employment for all Maine handicapped persons capable of producing work, so that these men and women may wherever possible resume or take for the first time their rightful places in their communities and engage in gainful occupation for the welfare of themselves, their families and the community.

[Seal]

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

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, prolonged drought conditions have created a serious fire hazard in many parts of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, on the representations made to me by the State Forest Commissioner of the existing danger of fires, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby suspend the open season for hunting in all portions of the state

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south of a line beginning at the point where the Canadian Pacific Railroad crosses the western boundary of Maine, west of Jackman; thence easterly along this railroad to the Piscataquis and Penobscot County line; thence northerly along said line to the intersection of said county line with State Aid Highway Route 159; thence easterly by said route to State Highway Route 2; thence north and east by State Highway Route 2 to the Canadian Boundary east of Houlton;

Provided, however, that in that portion of Maine south of said line hunting of migratory water fowl under federal regulations is hereby permitted from boats in tidal waters or from off-shore blinds at least 100 feet below high water mark in tidal waters when the hunting of such water fowl is permitted under federal regulations.

This proclamation becomes effective at sunrise October 1, 1948, and shall continue until annulled or amended by further proclamation.

My proclamation of September 10, 1948, prohibiting all smoking and building of fires out of doors in the woods, in all sections of the state, except at public camp sites maintained by the Forestry Department, is to continue in effect.

It is essential that all persons in the state cooperate fully in this critical situation. All fire wardens, game wardens and all law enforcement officers shall aid and assist 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 thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, it has been represented to me that rains occurring in the areas hereinafter described have removed the danger and hazard of fire; and

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Whereas, I have heretofore issued a proclamation dated September 30, 1948 suspending the open season for hunting in that area of the State south of a line more particularly therein described, and it appearing to me that the danger of fire has ceased in said area;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby annul said proclamation in the areas of the State hereinafter described to wit: all of the State of Maine except York County.

My proclamation of September 10, 1948, prohibiting all smoking and building of fires out of doors in the woods, in all sections of the state, except at public camp sites maintained by the Forestry Department, is to continue in effect.

This proclamation becomes effective at sunrise October 2, 1948, and shall continue until annulled or amended by further proclamation.

[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 October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, it has been represented to me that rains occurring in the areas hereinafter described have removed the danger and hazard of fire; and

Whereas, I have heretofore issued a proclamation dated September 30, 1948 suspending the open season for hunting in that area of the State south of a line more particularly therein described, and

Whereas, by proclamation dated October 1, 1948 the foregoing proclamation was amended by annulling said proclamation in all areas of the State except York County, and it appearing to me that the danger of fire has now ceased for the time being in York County;

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Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby further annul said proclamations in the areas of the State hereinafter described to wit: York County.

This proclamation becomes effective at 7:00 A. M. October 9, 1948 and shall continue until annulled or amended by further proclamation.

[Seal]

Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this 9th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, recent rains have sufficiently relieved the critical dry period which caused me to issue a proclamation on September 10, 1948, prohibiting all smoking or the building of any and all fires out of doors in the woods in all sections of the State, except at public camp sites maintained by the Forestry Department, and

On the representations to me by the State Forest Commissioner that such rains have materially reduced the hazard of fire in the forests of the State, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by virtue of Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1945;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby annul the proclamation of September 10, 1948, prohibiting smoking and the building of fires in the woods in all sections of the State.

This proclamation shall be effective at sunrise, October 13, 1948.

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

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United States of America, the One Hundred and
Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution Regulating Traveling
Expenses of Members of the Legislature.

Whereas, the Ninety-third Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved May 13, 1947, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IV, Part Third, Section 7 of the constitution of the state is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. The senators and representatives shall receive such compensation, as shall be established by law; but no law increasing their compensation shall take effect during the existence of the legislature which enacted it. The expenses of the house of representatives in traveling to the legislature and returning therefrom, once in each week of each session and no more, shall be paid by the state out of the public treasury to every member, who shall seasonably attend, in the judgment of the house, and does not depart therefrom without leave.' 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 thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely 77,716 for, and 62,236 opposed;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed, and

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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.

[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 October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

(Signed) HORACE HILDRETH,
By the Governor,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

**Authorization of the Amendment to the Constitution Providing for
Additional Signers in Petitions For Referendum.**

Whereas, the Ninety-third Legislature of the State of Maine by a Resolve passed by a concurrent vote of both branches and approved March 13, 1947, proposed to the electors of said State the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 of the constitution of the state is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 17. Upon written petition of electors, the number of which shall not be less than 10% of the total vote for governor cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petition, and addressed to the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state within 90 days after the recess of the legislature, requesting that one or more acts, bills, resolves or resolutions, or part or parts thereof passed by the legislature, but not then in effect by reason of the provisions of the preceding section, be referred to the people, such acts, bills, resolves or resolutions or part or parts thereof as are specified in such petition shall not take effect until 30 days after the governor shall have announced by public proclamation that

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the same have been ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election. As soon as it appears that the effect of any act, bill, resolve or resolution or part or parts thereof has been suspended by petition in manner aforesaid, the governor by public proclamation shall give notice thereof and of the time when such measure is to be voted on by the people, which shall be at the next general election not less than 60 days after such proclamation, or in case of no general election within 6 months thereafter the governor may, and if so requested in said written petition therefor, shall order such measure submitted to the people at a special election not less than 4 nor more than 6 months after his proclamation thereof.' 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 thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and canvassed by the Governor and Council on October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment, namely 68,237 for, and 65,698 opposed;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, 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.

[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 October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

(Signed) HORACE HILDRETH,
By the Governor,

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, October 27 brings the anniversary of the creation of the United States Navy; and

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Whereas, the Navy is a powerful arm of the defense of this Nation, at far-flung stations and aboard ship on all the seas, with the men of the Navy standing ready to protect the Freedom so gloriously won in the last war; and

Whereas, the history of that great arm of our unified command is replete with the illustrious names of men of Maine, both in the command and the construction of ships of war; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the people of Maine to express their gratitude to and respect for this arm of our national defense, and to honor the gallant service of thousands of Maine men who have manned our great fleets,

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 27, 1948, as

Navy Day

in honor of the men and ships of the United States Navy. I urge that the American Flag be displayed in homes and places of business on this day and that all Maine people participate in Navy Day programs, remembering that this is Our Navy, Victor in War, Guardian in Peace.

[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-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,
Governor.

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

STATE OF MAINE**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

Whereas, the season is at hand wherein by custom and with gratitude the citizens of Maine join those of all the states in observance of Thanksgiving; and

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Whereas, we have been blessed in abundance with spiritual and material needs and comforts; and

Whereas, we enjoy the priceless heritage of political freedom, and may in good will help the peoples of the world to understand and to desire that manifestation of true brotherhood; and

Whereas, our people hold fast to their belief in the dignity of the individual in a world which sorely needs rebirth of faith in mankind, under God; and

Whereas, the desire for a just peace, and for love and understanding among all peoples is strong in the hearts of the people of Maine; and

Whereas, we desire to express our thankfulness for these manifold blessings which have come to us as God's gift, and to ask that that beneficence may be felt in the hearts of all men;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim

Thursday, November 25, 1948 as Thanksgiving Day

that we may fittingly observe that day in the churches of our choice, grateful for the privilege of free worship; that we may join in heartfelt prayer on this day of Thanksgiving that freedom may one day be extended to all races and to all nations; that we may ask that out of that prayer may come a world in which peace, freedom of spirit, and freedom from material want may be the lot of all mankind.

Let us count our blessings on this Thanksgiving Day and resolve to share our material bounty with those who suffer in other lands, giving, as neighbors, as much as we can—through our churches and our humanitarian organizations—for the relief of hunger, of suffering and deprivation among those of other lands. And let us mark the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas as ones especially devoted to the reading of the Holy Scriptures so that we may truly feel and express the spirit of Thanksgiving which is our precious heritage.

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

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Forty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Seventy-third.

HORACE HILDRETH,

Governor.

By the Governor,

HAROLD I. GOSS,

Secretary of State.