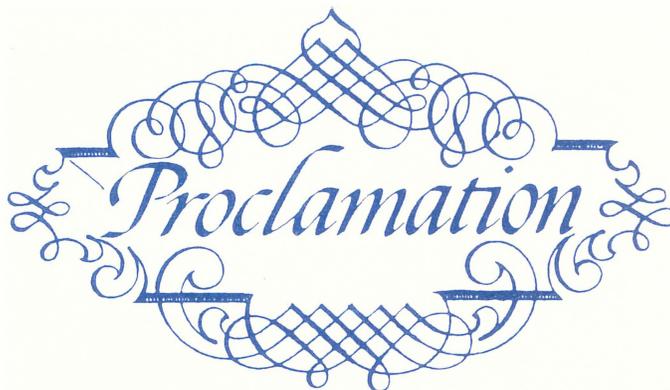


State of Maine



WHEREAS, 211 Maine, a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline, provides free and confidential referrals to needed resources for Maine people statewide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, for 15 years, 211 Maine has recognized that we all need help sometimes, we just don't always know where to turn, and has addressed the stigma around asking for help by assuring the people of Maine that asking for help is a sign of strength; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 211 Maine specialists have answered more than 800,000 calls from Mainers trying to locate needed information from housing support to substance use and recovery services to transportation, including over 97,000 calls, texts, and emails in 2020 from people looking for help for themselves or someone they know; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine has supported Maine CDC and the people of Maine by fielding general questions about COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, providing guidance on how citizens can best protect themselves, the common symptoms of the Coronavirus, travel advisories, and the latest information on testing and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine handles several specialized services and partnerships, including the Opiate Helpline and the Gambling Helpline, and is also a resource for information about such needs as mental health services, fuel assistance, and tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, accessible by dialing 211, texting your zip code to 898-211, emailing info@211maine.org, or by visiting www.211maine.org, 211 Maine specialists are available to help Maine people of all ages to find the information they need to stay safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine is a powerful example of how government, nonprofit, and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Maine;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim July 2021 as

211 Maine Month

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all Maine people to recognize the dedicated specialists at 211 for their efficient and effective response to the growing needs of the people of our state.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this first day of July Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State