WHEREAS, Andrew Sockalexis was born on January 11, 1892, and raised on Indian Island; and

WHEREAS, at age 10, Andrew began a very successful running career, training on a track built around his home by his father; and

WHEREAS, by age 18, Andrew’s training and 17th place debut performance in the Boston Marathon qualified him for the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden; and

WHEREAS, one of twelve runners representing the United States in the Olympics, and personally representing Penobscot Nation, Andrew placed fourth in the marathon with a time of 2:42:07; and

WHEREAS, Andrew took second place in the Boston Marathon in both 1912 and 1913, and competed in many other races across New England over the years; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, upon crossing the finish line of his last race, a 15-mile race from Old Town to Bangor, Andrew began to cough up blood and collapsed, and was later diagnosed with Tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, three years after his diagnosis, Andrew died at age 27 on August 26, 1919; and

WHEREAS, in honor and recognition of Andrew, the Penobscot Nation Public Safety, Penobscot Nation Health Department, and the Cultural and Historic Preservation Department will be unveiling the Andrew Sockalexis Training Trail on Indian Island; and

WHEREAS, the Andrew Sockalexis Training Trail is a mile and a half course from the “Commons” to Oak Point, the highest point on Indian Island, where Andrew would turn around at the pair of twin pines and run back; and

WHEREAS, the signs along the Trail highlight his Boston Marathon Career, Olympic Appearance, the Legacy of Andrew in the Penobscot Nation community, and highlight the importance of health and wellness;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize the life and accomplishments of

Andrew Sockalexis

and the legacy he left behind for runners young and old of Penobscot Nation.

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 November Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills
Governor