WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the environment of people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

in Maine, and I urge all our citizens to work together to support families and promote the social and emotional well-being of children, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed
GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this fifteenth day of March Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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