

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, the Cold War was a long and costly struggle for freedom between the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States, against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world domination in Europe and Asia by Communist ideology and military action; and

**WHEREAS**, this unique war was marked by periodic confrontations between the West and the East, including international crises such as the Berlin Airlift in 1948, the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, and the Vietnam War from 1960 to 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union's Communist government in December 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, standing alongside the United States Armed Forces throughout the war were many agencies that contributed to our victory, including our own defense contractors at Bath Iron Works, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Naval Air Station Brunswick, and other sites around the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine thanks all who contributed to the West's victory over communism, salutes those who represented our nation in the eventual victory that ended the imminent threat of nuclear war, and forever remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2019 as

**Cold War Victory Day**

throughout the State of Maine and urge all citizens to observe the day with appropriate activity to celebrate democracy's victory.

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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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