

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War called upon thousands of America's young men to join in the fight by land, sea, and air to restore freedom and peace throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Destroyer Escorts were designed as anti-submarine vessels to provide a lifeline for Allied forces by protecting convoys from the U-Boat menace in the Atlantic, and were used extensively in surface to air battles, surface to surface combat, shelling shores for invasions, and many other assignments; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the lives lost in these endeavors, and in commendation of the bravery and valor of these sailors, the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association has paid tribute to those American sailors who served on Destroyer Escort ships since 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Chapter of the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association hosts a special ceremony annually to honor the sailors of Destroyer Escorts from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold War with special tribute paid to those who lost their lives with their ships; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 1 M.R.S. § 142, the State of Maine ensures that those citizens from Maine who gallantly served on these ships receive the recognition that they so richly deserve and as such, designated the 3rd Saturday of June in each year to provide this recognition;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021 as

## **Destroyer Escort Day**

throughout the State of Maine in commemoration of the valiant sailors who risked and often gave their lives for peace and freedom worldwide.



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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State