

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a far-reaching effect on the 2020 election, resulting in the consolidation of some polling locations, inspiring a large influx of voters casting their ballots by mail, and instituting measures that protect the health of voters, poll workers, and election officials; and

WHEREAS, amidst all the changes, election administrators and poll workers, including many with experience and many stepping up for the first time, are playing a critical role in ensuring the integrity of the ballot while protecting the safety of voters as they cast their ballots; and

WHEREAS, to conduct an accessible and secure election requires collaboration between the Governor and the Secretary of State's offices, municipal clerks across the state, and countless volunteers in every community; and

WHEREAS, making adjustments to election administration, educating the public, and recruiting and training additional poll workers has required long hours and creativity by all involved; and

WHEREAS, because of these efforts, record numbers of Maine voters are expected to participate in the 2020 general election, whether they voted early at their clerk's office, sent their absentee ballot by mail, or vote in person on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, to recognize the efforts made by election administrators and poll workers, the State of Maine urges voters, businesses, organizations, public officials, and all candidates for public office across our state to join in celebrating and thanking these individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize November 3rd, 2020 as

Election Hero Day

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize the sacrifice these people have made to ensure that every Maine person has the opportunity to cast their ballot and to do so in a way that protects their health and safety during this ongoing pandemic.



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

Janet T. Mills Governor