

**WHEREAS**, the family is the cornerstone of our society, providing us connections to the past and visions of our future; and

WHEREAS, families come in all shapes and sizes, playing a vital role in creating strong, diverse, and inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, family reunions bring multiple generations together, linking past, present, and future, and provide an opportunity to sustain and strengthen the bond of those present; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout their time together, families share moments, possessions, memories, love, heartache, homes, meals, and laughs together; and

WHEREAS, it is important to reflect on your heritage and create new memories together; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the value and importance of families, the State designates the Monday after the first full weekend in August as Family Reunion Day in accordance with Sec. 1 MRSA § 148;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great state of Maine, do hereby proclaim August 5th, 2019

## **Family Reunion Day**

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens, businesses, and organizations to observe the day with appropriate celebration and activity.

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 August Two Thousand Nineteen

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State TRUE ATTESTED COPY