

WHEREAS, in the State of Maine, approximately 6,000 grandparents are currently raising children whose parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, grandparents as caregivers provide the love, safety, and stability that children need in order to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine believes the health and safety of all children are of utmost importance and that children need the security of a safe and loving family; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine partners with community and state programs to provide education, material goods, and financial and emotional support to grand families who are parenting their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine wishes to join other states across the country in honoring grandparents and other relatives who are raising a relative's child or children;

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

## **Grandparents Month**

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

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

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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