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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