

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although most of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, only about 3 percent actually do; and

WHEREAS, Maine is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Maine Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize September 4th, 2021 as

Maine Blood Donation Day

throughout the state, and I urge the people of Maine to support our local blood drives as saving lives and protecting citizens is our primary goal.

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

Janet T. Mills Governor

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Secretary of State

