

WHEREAS, Maine's Child Welfare employees make a significant contribution to the safety and well-being of the children and families they work with; and

WHEREAS, Maine Child Welfare employees ensure excellence at all levels of service to support children through their work with the biological, foster, and adoptive families, physical health, mental health and social services providers, judicial and law enforcement systems, schools, early education, and child care providers and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Child Welfare employees work together to achieve the mission and goals of the Office of Child and Family Services and Department of Health and Human Services with urgency, passion, professionalism, commitment, and dedication to quality service; and

WHEREAS, Maine's Child Welfare employees conduct their work conscientiously and in a manner that is responsive to the needs of those they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to designate this week as Maine Child Welfare Employee Appreciation Week to thank these employees for the work they do, and to remind the citizens of our great State that Child Welfare is a vital component to ensuring that our most vulnerable citizens are protected and afforded the right to safety, security, and wellbeing;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize September 9th through 13th, 2019 as

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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 sixth day of September Two Thousand Nineteen

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State TRUE ATTESTED COPY

