

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the citizens of Maine on July 26, 1819, voted decisively in support of Maine separating from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and becoming an independent state; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress received Maine's petition for statehood and voted affirmatively to accept Maine as the 23rd State of the United States; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of State James Monroe notified Maine that it would be formally and legally an independent state beginning on March 15, 1820; and

WHEREAS, March 15, 2020, marks the 200th anniversary of the achievement of Maine statehood;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2020 as

Maine Statehood Day

throughout the State of Maine in honor of attaining 200 years of independence, and I encourage all Maine citizens to mark the occasion in reflection, appreciation, and resolve.



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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State