



WHEREAS, National Computer Science Education Week celebrates the vital role that computer science education plays in providing opportunities for students and in building an innovative workforce; and

WHEREAS, Maine Department of Education has partnered with teachers, specialists, and the business community to design a comprehensive Computer Science Education plan that encourages all schools to provide interdisciplinary, project-based learning experiences that incorporate computational thinking, innovation and design processes, and applied learning; and

WHEREAS, Maine's comprehensive plan includes goals to ensure equitable access and opportunities for all students to engage in high-quality Computer Science education; and

WHEREAS, Maine's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy calls for highly skilled workers who can creatively and independently solve complex problems through computational thinking, engineering, and coding; and

WHEREAS, computing occupations are a part of nearly every Maine industry including healthcare, manufacturing, and information technology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has more than 1,000 open computing jobs with an average annual salary significantly higher than Maine's average salary; and

WHEREAS, Maine teachers offer instructional designs that provide students with active, authentic, and project-based learning opportunities that integrate computer science and provide students with applied, real-world experiences; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is developing a PK-12 continuum of online computer science learning opportunities that will be free and open to all students in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of December 6th through the 12th, 2021 as

National Computer Science Education Week

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 thirtieth day of November Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Secretary of State
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