State of Maine

Proclamation

Proclamation Declaring Abnormal Market Disruption
Caused by COVID-19 Emergency

WHEREAS, I have proclaimed a state of emergency within the meaning of *37-B M.R.S. §703(2), §742(1)(A)* and *37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, subch. II* and *22 M.R.S. §801(4-A)* and *§802(2-A)* to respond to the threats posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it appears upon due inquiry and consultation with the Attorney General that the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread exposure to COVID-19 has caused an abnormal market condition or a substantial likelihood that an abnormal market disruption is imminent within the meaning of *10 M.R.S. § 1105(1)* with regard to certain necessities or categories of necessities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to *Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §§ 1* and *12,* hereby declare and proclaim pursuant to *10 M.R.S. § 1105(2)* that effective March 13, 2020, COVID-19 has created an abnormal market disruption with regard to the following necessities or categories of necessities in the State of Maine: 1) paper products; 2) cleaning supplies; 3) hand sanitizer; 4) personal hygiene products; 5) medicine and medical supplies; 6) food; and 7) water. This declaration of abnormal market disruption includes both retail and wholesale sales. Pursuant to this declaration, a person may not sell or offer for sale these necessities at an unconscionable price and violations may be prosecuted as unfair acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce pursuant to *Title 5, section 207.*

Pursuant to *10 M.R.S. § 1105(2),* this declaration of abnormal market disruption may be modified at any time, and shall expire 60 days from its issuance, or upon issuance of an order declaring its expiration, whichever occurs sooner.

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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