

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has over \$292 million in unclaimed property, including uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, and other financial assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specific period of time; and

WHEREAS, for over four decades, the State of Maine has received millions of dollars turned over annually by entities who cannot locate the owners and has made a commitment to reuniting these financial assets to their rightful owners; and

WHEREAS, currently, the State of Maine holds over four million accounts to be returned to Maine residents; and

WHEREAS, each year, claims paid represent over 50 percent of what the State of Maine receives in that year; and

WHEREAS, to find out if you have unclaimed property listed under your name, please visit the State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property website at <u>www.maineunclaimedproperty.gov/</u> and file your claim using this free service;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of February 21st through February 28th, 2022 as

Unclaimed Property Week

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to utilize this free service and share this information with other Maine residents.



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

Janet T. Mills Governor

Shenna Bellows Secretary of State