WHEREAS, 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (UN); and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24th; and

WHEREAS, the UN seeks to promote peace and security, global health and human rights, economic and social well-being, and sustainable development, as well as to address the most pressing issue of our time, climate change; and

WHEREAS, the UN relies on the active participation of global civil society, governments, and world leaders for its continued success and strength, and for the collective fulfillment of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, as approved unanimously in 2015 by all 193 UN Member States; and

WHEREAS, the UN has remained an indispensable partner for the United States to protect our national security, economic, environmental, and foreign policy interests, as well as to promote our nation's historic shared values; and

WHEREAS, the UN has declared the theme of this year’s commemoration to be "2020 and Beyond: Shaping Our Future Together," and has encouraged people in all countries to join the largest global conversation ever about their visions for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Chapter of the United Nations Association remains committed to informing the citizens of this State of the principles and vital work of the UN, and to advocating for the United States to continue its support of the UN;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the UN and affirming its vital work, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2020 as

United Nations Day

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to renew their dedication to the promotion of international cooperation.

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State