WHEREAS, nearly two young drivers are killed each month in Maine; and

WHEREAS, more than 42 young drivers are injured each week on Maine’s roadways; and

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages 15-24 in the U.S. From 2000-2006 accounting for 19,076 deaths; and

WHEREAS, in Maine, 16 to 24 year olds comprise 11.4% of all licensed drivers; and

WHEREAS, in Maine, drivers ages 16 to 24 are involved in 29% of all motor vehicle fatalities; and

WHEREAS, in Maine, drivers ages 16 to 24 are involved in 38.5% of all motor vehicle crashes resulting in injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of Maine, do hereby proclaim January 2012 to be

YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and 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 twenty-eighth day of December Two-Thousand Eleven

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State