WHEREAS, martial arts provides a powerful foundation for emotional development and success skills that last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the participation in martial arts builds strength, character, focus, flexibility and coordination while enhancing performance in other sports, in the workplace, at home and in school; and

WHEREAS, martial arts enhances self-esteem, goal setting abilities, anger management and the skills of non-violent conflict resolution in people of all ages, helping them to become more productive and healthy people; and

WHEREAS, the 32nd Annual Battle of Maine Martial Arts takes place on March 24th and will benefit Healthcare Charities’ Children’s Miracle Network of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2012 as

MARTIAL ARTS DAY

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 twenty-fourth day of March Two-Thousand Twelve

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State
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