WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs New England Region is the oldest region in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it has been an international organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, GFWC has eight regions throughout the country which strive to address issues of importance such as domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, GFWC has made a positive change in families and communities through the Signature Project on Domestic Violence Awareness; and

WHEREAS, GFWC addresses domestic violence policy through a design and implementation of a multi-faceted Domestic Violence Awareness Signature Project that includes, teen and child, elder and spousal abuse; and

WHEREAS, the clubs create and/or strengthen partnerships with regional, state and national domestic violence awareness organizations and state leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, do hereby recognize March 31, 2012 as

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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 Fifteenth day of March Two-Thousand Twelve

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State
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