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DIRECTIVE FROM GOVERNOR PAUL R. LEPAGE

TO: County Sheriffs of the State of Maine

The safety and security of the children, families, and citizens of the State of Maine is my first responsibility as Governor.

For this reason, I am sending you this Directive.

Maine State law provides the Governor of Maine with the authority to direct county sheriffs: "*Sheriffs shall obey all orders relating to law enforcement which they receive from the Governor.*" 30-A M.R.S.A. §401(4).

Therefore, under the authority granted to me by law, I am directing you to cooperate with federal immigration officials and follow the provisions of Executive Order 001-2011, which I signed in January of 2011:

"All Maine residents having lawful status are entitled to fair treatment by state officials and access to state services ... certain prior Executive Orders may have created the impression that Maine was a so-called 'sanctuary state' for those who are in the United States without lawful status ... it is the intent of this Administration to promote rather than hinder the enforcement of federal immigration law ... I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, under the power vested in me, hereby order as follows: 1. Executive Order 13 FY 04/05, dated April 9, 2004, and Executive Order 34 FY 04/05, dated February 28, 2005, are hereby rescinded, effective immediately. **2. Employees and officials of the State of Maine shall cooperate with employees and officials of the federal government on all matters pertinent to immigration, subject only to any limitations imposed by statutory law or by the Constitutions of Maine or the United States.**"

As a State established under the authority of the Constitutions of the United States of America and of the State of Maine, the State must do its duty and work cooperatively at the Federal, State, and Local level to enforce the laws that maintain our nation's sovereignty and keep us safe.



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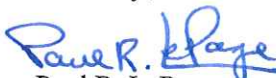
Further, in addition to this Directive, I am placing each sheriff in the State of Maine on notice of my intent to exercise the authority granted to me by Article IX Section 10 of the Maine State Constitution:

Removal of sheriffs from office and replacement. Whenever the Governor upon complaint, due notice and hearing shall find that a sheriff is not faithfully or efficiently performing any duty imposed upon the sheriff by law, the Governor may remove such sheriff from office and appoint another sheriff to serve for the remainder of the term for which such removed sheriff was elected. All vacancies in the office of sheriff, other than those caused by removal in the manner aforesaid shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in the case of judges and registers of probate.

Should any citizen of Maine notify me of any undocumented, illegal alien who was detained and released by a Maine Sheriff following a written United States Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) request the alien be detained pending federal enforcement action, I will commence the specific process afforded me under the Maine State Constitution Article IX Section 10.

It is incumbent on ICE officials to make probable cause determinations after a thorough review of the facts when issuing detention requests with an administrative warrant. The State of Maine recognizes the federal government's announced policy to prioritize the removal of illegal aliens who do U.S. citizens harm. My goal is to ensure all Maine children, families, and citizens are kept safe from harm.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage
Governor
State of Maine