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**AN ORDER CONCLUDING THE
MAINE WIND ADVISORY COMMISSION AND WIND PERMIT MORATOIRUM**

WHEREAS, the Maine Wind Energy Advisory Commission established by *Executive Order 2 FY 17/18* has issued its Report;

WHEREAS, *Executive Order 2 FY 17/18* further imposed a moratorium upon the issuance of permits related to wind turbines pending receipt of that Report;

WHEREAS, numerous statutes in *M.R.S.A. Titles 12, 35-A and 38* delegate to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Land Use Planning Commission and Maine Public Utilities Commission certain authority to assess and approve projects that meet standards and processes duly established by law; and

WHEREAS, clarification regarding the effect of *Executive Order 2 FY 17/18* upon the execution of those statutes and their related rules is required;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to authority conferred by *Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §1 and §12*, do hereby Order the following.

I. COMMISSION

The Maine Wind Energy Advisory Commission established by *Executive Order 2 FY 17/18* is, by delivery of its Report and effect of this Order, dissolved.

II. PERMITS

The moratorium imposed by *Executive Order 2 FY 17/18* is, by delivery of such Report and by effect of this Order, terminated. Authorized agencies, such as the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Land Use Planning Commission and Maine Public Utilities Commission, shall resume determining whether project applications qualify for approval pursuant to established standards and processes of law. Such standards and processes include, but are not limited to, appropriate site location and assessment of community impact.

III. OTHER

This Order repeals and supersedes *Executive Order 2 FY 17/18*.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Order is February 14, 2019.

Janet T. Mills, Governor