State of Maine

Proclamation

Proclamation of State of Civil Emergency to Further Protect Public Health

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly infectious agent that poses an imminent threat of substantial harm to our citizens;

WHEREAS, to date the State has taken numerous actions to respond and protect against this threat; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is necessary to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite that response;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to *Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §§ 1* and *12,* do hereby find and declare by this Proclamation that these conditions constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of *37-B M.R.S. §703(2), §742(1)(A)* and *37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, subch. II* and *22 M.R.S. §801(4-A)* and *§802(2-A).* This Proclamation activates any and all authority delegated to me by any and all emergency management, public health and other pertinent laws to issue any and all oral and written directives that I, upon the advice of public health and other expert officials, reasonably deem necessary to respond to and protect against the spread and impacts of COVID-19 in Maine. This Proclamation also authorizes the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to exercise emergency powers pursuant to *22 M.R.S. §820.* Officials and other persons lawfully subject to any and all directives pursuant to this Proclamation shall faithfully and timely execute the same. This Proclamation shall, pursuant to *37-B M.R.S. §743*, expire thirty (30) days from the date of its signature unless earlier renewed or terminated by me, or terminated by legislative joint resolution.

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 Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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