State of Maine

Proclamation

Proclamation Renewing and Modifying Declaration of Abnormal Market Disruption Caused by COVID-19 Emergency

WHEREAS, to respond to the threats posed by COVID-19 I issued a proclamation on March 15, 2020 and renewed proclamations on April 14, 2020 and May 13, 2020, declaring a state of emergency within the meaning of 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, subch. II, including 37-B M.R.S. §703(2) and §742(1)(A), and 22 M.R.S. §801(4-A) and §802(2-A); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 I declared an abnormal market disruption pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §1105(2) effective March 13, 2020 and continuing in effect for 60 days because it appeared upon due inquiry and consultation with the Attorney General that the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread exposure to COVID-19 was causing an abnormal market condition or a substantial likelihood that an abnormal market disruption is imminent within the meaning of 10 M.R.S. §1105(1) with regard to certain necessities or categories of necessities; and

WHEREAS, it appears upon further consultation with the Attorney General that the threat of COVID-19 has continued to create an abnormal market disruption with regard to certain consumer goods including 1) hand sanitizer; 2) medicine and medical supplies; and 3) food.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §1 and §12, hereby declare and proclaim pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §1105(2) that effective May 17, 2020 COVID-19 has created an abnormal market disruption with regard to the following necessities or categories of necessities in the State of Maine: 1) hand sanitizer; 2) medicine and medical supplies; and 3) food. This market disruption includes both retail and wholesale sales. Pursuant to this declaration, a person may not sell or offer for sale these necessities at an unconscionable price and violations may be prosecuted as unfair acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §207. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §1105(2), this declaration is effective May 17, 2020 and shall expire 60 days from its issuance or upon the issuance of an order declaring its expiration, whichever occurs sooner.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this ninth day of June Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State