State of Maine

Proclamation

Proclamation to Renew the State of Civil Emergency

WHEREAS, the State of Maine remains in a State of Civil Emergency, first proclaimed on March 15, 2020, and most recently renewed on December 22, 2020, to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the serious health and safety risks of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the State has taken numerous emergency actions to respond to and protect against this threat, including the issuance of emergency Executive Orders to improve and expedite the State's ability to respond; and

WHEREAS, my most recent Proclamation expires by law after 30 days from the date of its issuance, and COVID-19 is expected to remain a highly infectious virus presenting a continued threat of substantial harm to our citizens for at least another 30 days; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is necessary to authorize the continued use of emergency powers to lead the State's response for another 30 days;

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. Ch. 13, subch. II, including but not limited to 37-B M.R.S. §§ 703(2) and 742(1)(A), as well as 22 M.R.S. §§ 801(4-A) and 802(2-A). This Proclamation renews and supersedes my most recent Proclamation to Renew the State of Civil Emergency and 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 entered below 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 and dated this nineteenth day of January Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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Secretary of State
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