State of Maine

Proclamation

Proclamation to Renew the State of Civil Emergency

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 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 COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, that Proclamation by law expires on April 15, 2020 and COVID-19 remains a highly infectious agent that poses an imminent threat of substantial harm to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State has taken numerous emergency actions to respond and protect against this threat, including the issuance of 29 emergency executive orders to improve and expedite the State's ability to respond; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is necessary to authorize the continued use of emergency powers to lead the State's 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 renews my *Proclamation of State of Civil Emergency to Further Protect Public Health dated March 15, 2020,* 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 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 fourteenth day of April Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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