Office of
The Governor

No. 10 FY 20/21
DATE August 31, 2020

AN ORDER EXTENDING THE DATE FOR AGENCIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGETS

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 and renewed states of emergency on April 14, 2020, May 13, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 8, 2020 and August 5, 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, for months the bipartisan National Governors Association has called upon Congress to enact additional COVID-19-related relief for states and to allow greater flexibility for relief already provided to the states; and

WHEREAS, 5 M.R.S. § 1665 (1) requires all departments and other agencies of the State Government and corporations and associations receiving or desiring to receive state funds under the provisions of law to prepare and submit to the State Budget Officer by September 1, 2020 estimates of their expenditures and appropriations for the next biennium; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures and appropriations will be significantly impacted by emergency congressional actions, and it is therefore prudent to extend the time for such departments, agencies, corporations and associations to prepare and submit their estimated budgets for FY 22/23; and

WHEREAS, a governor's emergency powers include the authority pursuant to P.L. 2019, Ch. 617, Pt. H, codified at 37-B M.R.S. § 742(C)(13)(a), to reasonably adjust time frames and deadlines imposed by law for state government when such an adjustment is reasonably necessary to mitigate an effect of the emergency;

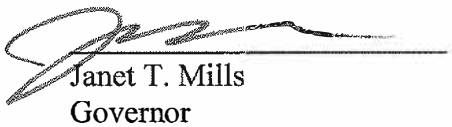
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to the authority referenced above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDER

The time frame set forth in 5 M.R.S. § 1665 (1) is extended to October 19, 2020.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective August 31, 2020.



Janet T. Mills
Governor