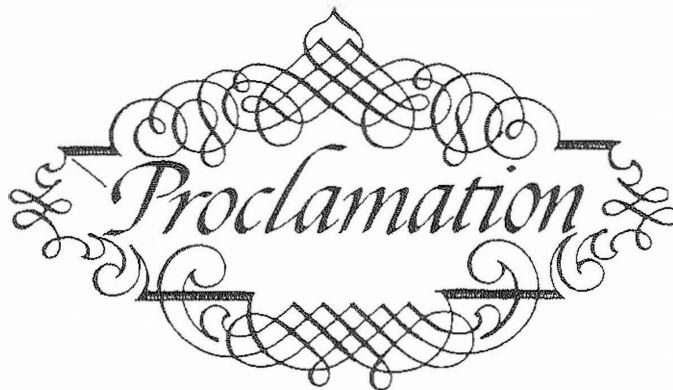


State of Maine



WHEREAS, in 1969 the Legislature and Governor determined that Maine had a shortage of suitable housing at rents and prices that were affordable, forcing some residents to occupy unsuitable, unsafe, and overcrowded homes; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contributed to poor health and constituted a menace to the safety and welfare of Maine's residents; and

WHEREAS, the State declared its policy to assist residents to rent or buy housing that is decent and safe from a wide range of privately planned, constructed, and operated developments; and

WHEREAS, additional resources and assistance could be provided to financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals the State created the Maine State Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the State created the Housing Opportunities for Maine (HOME) Fund to provide additional revenue for affordable housing and in 1986, with the full support of the housing and banking industries, created a dedicated source of revenue for the HOME Fund; and

WHEREAS, since 1969, MaineHousing has financed 54,851 first-time home buyer mortgages, financed 323 affordable apartment projects with a total of 10,697 units, helped 23,038 low-income families and seniors afford their rents, weatherized 15,292 homes, served an average of over 42,000 households a year with fuel assistance benefits, helped shelter the homeless, and provided needed repairs to many thousands of homes addressing problems of radon, arsenic, lead paint, and general disrepair; and


WHEREAS, fifty years later, working with a wide array of public and private partners including Maine's elected officials, MaineHousing continues to help Maine people own, rent, repair, and heat their homes; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing continues to challenge many Maine residents and communities making it essential that MaineHousing continue its leadership role in providing effective housing solutions,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, join the people of Maine in recognizing and celebrating the success of MaineHousing over the last fifty years in achieving its public purpose and encourage their continued efforts to provide better housing for Maine people.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of February Two Thousand Nineteen


Janet T. Mills
Governor


Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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