

State of Maine



WHEREAS, Maine enjoys a large, vibrant Franco-American community, largely as a result of French Canadians immigrating to the state between 1840 and 1930; and

WHEREAS, at least twenty-five percent of Maine citizens claim Franco-American heritage, and French is the second-most spoken language in the state; and

WHEREAS, the significant cultural, economic, and civic contributions made by Franco-Americans have enriched the culture and lives of Maine people; and

WHEREAS, Maine benefits from a close and prosperous relationship with its Canadian neighbors, with more than 600 miles of shared border; and

WHEREAS, the feast of Saint Jean the Baptist is an important French cultural observance, celebrated in America as early as 1636; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine and its citizens observe June 24th as Saint Jean-Baptiste Day in accordance with Sec. 1 MRSA § 120;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great state of Maine, do hereby proclaim June 21st, 2019

Saint Jean-Baptiste Day

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance in suitable places and with appropriate ceremony.

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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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