

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1970, over 20 million Americans came together to celebrate the first Earth Day, recognizing the importance of protecting our environment and preserving our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in the months and years that followed, the United States Congress passed the Clean Air, Clean Water, Endangered Species, and Marine Mammal Protections Acts and founded the Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, while we have made considerable progress, climate change has been increasingly threatening our jobs, harming our health, and damaging Maine's historic relationship to the land and sea; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, to address our carbon footprint and to accept the challenge of preventing and mitigating climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing climate change will require collaboration and long-term work, not just short-term solutions, to ensure a healthy planet for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, all species play a unique role and contribute to the ecosystem on which all life on Earth depends and therefore must be protected for the survival of the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is one of the greatest threats ever faced by humans in modern times, the time is now to pursue innovative and serious climate change prevention and mitigation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts, and helps build awareness of the drastic measures needed to avoid the worst effects of a warming planet;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2019 as

**EARTH DAY**

in Maine and I encourage all citizens in our state to participate in programs and activities that will protect our environment and contribute to a healthy, sustainable future.

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



Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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