



WHEREAS, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported nearly 1,400 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme disease in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the actual incidence of Lyme disease is likely much higher than reported and disproportionately affects children between five and fifteen years and mature adults over sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is treatable and most individuals recover completely with proper medication; and

WHEREAS, tick bites can be prevented by staying in the center of wooded paths, wearing light colored, long-sleeved clothing, using an EPA approved bug spray, performing daily tick checks, and safely removing ticks; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of the risks, prevention methods, removal, and symptoms are essential to ensuring fewer incidences of tickborne illnesses in Maine, as illustrated by the theme "Tick Aware and Tick Alert"; and

WHEREAS, the 124th Maine Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, L.D. 1709, Item 1, *An Act to Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease*;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

Lyme Disease Awareness Month

in Maine, and I urge all the citizens of Maine to become aware of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of tickborne illnesses.



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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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