

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the State of Maine is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent actually do; and

WHEREAS, Maine is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, challenging times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, can decrease local blood supplies needed for medical issues including anemia, sickle cell, cancer, and trauma; and

WHEREAS, blood donation can be done safely and comfortably with facial coverings and social distancing measures; and


WHEREAS, Maine Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize September 4th, 2020 as

Maine Blood Donation Day

throughout the state, and I urge the people of Maine to support our local blood drives as saving lives and protecting citizens is our primary goal.




Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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 August Two Thousand Twenty



Janet T. Mills
Governor