

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the Cold War was a long and costly struggle for freedom between the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States, against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS, the Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world domination in Europe and Asia by Communist ideology and military action; and

WHEREAS, this unique war was marked by periodic confrontations between the West and the East, including international crises such as the Berlin Airlift in 1948, the Korean War from 1950 to 1953, the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, and the Vietnam War from 1960 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union's Communist government in December 1991; and

WHEREAS, standing alongside the United States Armed Forces throughout the war were many agencies that contributed to our victory, including our own defense contractors at Bath Iron Works, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Naval Air Station Brunswick, and other sites around the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine thanks all who contributed to the West's victory over communism, salutes those who represented our nation in the eventual victory that ended the imminent threat of nuclear war, and forever remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sec. 1.1 MRSA § 150-A, the State of Maine designates the first day of May as Cold War Victory Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020 as

Cold War Victory Day

throughout the State of Maine and urge all citizens to observe the day with appropriate activity to celebrate democracy's victory.



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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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