

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, gardens play a large role in Maine's economy, providing employment for thousands of people across the State, and generating millions in sales of crops from blueberries and potatoes to flowers and trees; and

**WHEREAS**, gardens in Maine can range from a few backyard garden beds of roses or vegetables to commercial farms that encompass hundreds of acres; and

**WHEREAS**, the local produce, flowers, and other Maine-grown goods found at farm stands, markets, and grocery stores across the state are a testament to the quality of Maine's gardens and growers; and

**WHEREAS**, many Maine people know the enjoyment and satisfaction of eating the bounty of a garden they have planted, tended, and harvested themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle, helps reduce stress, and instills an appreciation for nature and a respect for the environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of June 2nd through June 8th, 2019, as

**Garden Week**

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance with appropriate celebration and activities.

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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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