

State of Maine



WHEREAS, Law Day is a “day of national dedication to the principles of government under law,” as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers;” and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 1, 2019, as

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in Maine and I urge the citizens, schools, businesses, and media of Maine to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

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



Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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