



WHEREAS, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported more than 1,500 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme disease in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the actual incidence of Lyme disease in Maine is likely much higher than reported, disproportionately affecting children between 5 and 15 years old and adults older than 65 years old; and

WHEREAS, tickborne illnesses can be prevented by staying in the center of wooded paths, wearing light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, using an EPA-approved insect repellent, performing daily tick checks, and properly removing ticks; and

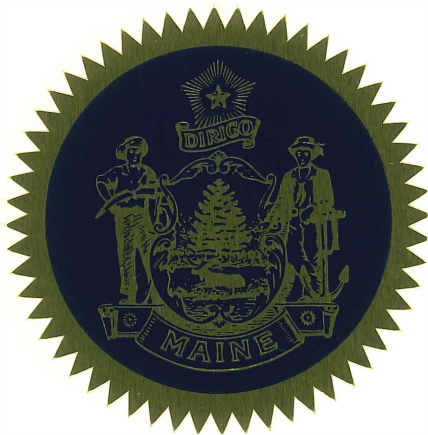
WHEREAS, public awareness and education are necessary to help reduce tickborne illnesses in Maine by promoting awareness of Lyme disease, other tickborne illnesses, and the regular use of prevention measures, as illustrated by the 2022 theme “Tick Wise”; and

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 2022 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.



Shenna Bellows

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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 twentieth day
of April Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Janet T. Mills
Governor