

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, Maine's coastline is home to more than 60 historical lighthouses that have guided ships to safe passage over the years, including Portland Headlight which was commissioned in 1791 by George Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's lighthouses range from the southernmost Nubble Light in Cape Neddick to the West Quoddy Head Lighthouse in Lubec which stands on the easternmost point in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for much of the history of these lighthouses, mariners depended on the lighthouse keepers and their families who maintained the lighthouses to ensure that all ships would have a safe passage along our coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's history is full of examples where these lighthouse keepers performed heroic acts, often risking their own well-being to protect the safety of the thousands of ships that depended on their guidance to navigate Maine's rocky coast; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Sec. 1.1 MRSA § 139, the third full week in June of each year is designated as Maine Lighthouse Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of June 21st through June 27th, 2020 as

## **Maine Lighthouse Week**

throughout the State of Maine and urge all citizens to observe this week in suitable places and with appropriate ceremony and activity to honor and commemorate the important role of lighthouses in Maine's history.



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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State

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