

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 1819, the citizens of Maine voted decisively in support of Maine separating from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and becoming an independent state; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress received Maine's petition for statehood and voted affirmatively to accept Maine as the 23rd State of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Secretary of State James Monroe notified Maine that it would formally and legally be an independent state beginning on March 15, 1820; and

**WHEREAS**, March 15, 2020, marked the 200th anniversary of the achievement of Maine statehood; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize that our collective history goes much further back long before statehood to the Wabanaki people who first hunted, farmed, fished and occupied much of the land that we call our home; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 1 MRS § 116, the State designates March 15th of each year as Maine Statehood Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2022 as

## **Maine Statehood Day**

throughout the State of Maine, and I encourage all citizens to mark the occasion in reflection, appreciation, and resolve.



*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 second day of  
March Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Janet T. Mills  
Governor