

State of Maine



WHEREAS, Maine's maple sugarbush provides recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, pulp and fire wood, a source of a natural sweetener, and forest management for the communities where they are located; and

WHEREAS, the maple sugar industry contributes approximately \$48.7 million to Maine's economy; and

WHEREAS, this industry provides a sustainable source of income, 805 full-time and part-time jobs in rural Maine, and approximately \$25.1 million in salaries; and

WHEREAS, there are about 2,000,000 maple tree taps in Maine and there is the potential capacity for 41,000,000 more taps; and

WHEREAS, Maine produced 539,000 gallons of syrup last year, valued at \$23.8 million; and

WHEREAS, Maine is the 3rd leading state producing maple syrup, behind Vermont and New York; and

WHEREAS, Maine is renowned for the excellent quality of its syrup because of our soil, climate, and the dedication of our sugar makers; and

WHEREAS, Maine was the first state to open its sugar houses and invite the public in to see how syrup is made; and

WHEREAS, Maine has been celebrating Maine Maple Sunday for the past 36 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the fourth Sunday in March, March 24th, 2019, as **Maine Maple Sunday**.



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

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY