

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, all missing persons, regardless of age or circumstances, are not forgotten and have families who may spend days, months, or even years searching for their missing loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, no person should ever know the terror of abduction, and no family should have to experience the nightmare of having a loved one suddenly go missing; and

**WHEREAS**, these disappearances bring uncertainty and a lack of closure that can be extremely painful for families and loved ones to endure; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of our fellow citizens is a shared responsibility for all Americans, and for Federal, State, and local authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of our State have come to know the names and faces of far too many missing persons who have been the victims of cruelty and violence; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of our State have also shared the joy of the families reunited with their loved ones, and grieved with every family that has suffered the uncertainty of a missing loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, we applaud the committed efforts of families, law enforcement, and concerned citizens who work to locate missing persons and prevent all forms of victimization; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Sec. 1.1 MRSA § 150-B, the State of Maine observes Missing Persons Day on May 25th each year, joining with families, law enforcement officials, and advocates to highlight our commitment to stopping the abduction and exploitation of individuals throughout our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2020 as

**Missing Persons Day**

throughout the State of Maine, and I invite and urge citizens, law enforcement agencies, family service agencies and other suitable organizations and groups to observe this day through appropriate activities.



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 May Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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