

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, on Missing Persons Day, we join with families, law enforcement officials, and advocates to highlight our commitment to stopping the abduction and exploitation of individuals throughout the State of Maine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2019 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
twenty-third day of May Two Thousand Nineteen

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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