

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, Andrew Sockalexis was born on January 11, 1892, and raised on Indian Island; and

**WHEREAS**, at age 10, Andrew began a very successful running career, training on a track built around his home by his father; and

**WHEREAS**, by age 18, Andrew's training and 17th place debut performance in the Boston Marathon qualified him for the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden; and

**WHEREAS**, one of twelve runners representing the United States in the Olympics, and personally representing Penobscot Nation, Andrew placed fourth in the marathon with a time of 2:42:07; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew took second place in the Boston Marathon in both 1912 and 1913, and competed in many other races across New England over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1916, upon crossing the finish line of his last race, a 15-mile race from Old Town to Bangor, Andrew began to cough up blood and collapsed, and was later diagnosed with Tuberculosis; and

**WHEREAS**, three years after his diagnosis, Andrew died at age 27 on August 26, 1919; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor and recognition of Andrew, the Penobscot Nation Public Safety, Penobscot Nation Health Department, and the Cultural and Historic Preservation Department will be unveiling the Andrew Sockalexis Training Trail on Indian Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the Andrew Sockalexis Training Trail is a mile and a half course from the "Commons" to Oak Point, the highest point on Indian Island, where Andrew would turn around at the pair of twin pines and run back; and

**WHEREAS**, the signs along the Trail highlight his Boston Marathon Career, Olympic Appearance, the Legacy of Andrew in the Penobscot Nation community, and highlight the importance of health and wellness;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby recognize the life and accomplishments of

**Andrew Sockalexis**

and the legacy he left behind for runners young and old of Penobscot Nation.



Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State

TRUE ATTESTED COPY

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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor