

State of Maine



WHEREAS, hunger affects millions of people nationwide, including children, seniors, and military veterans; and

WHEREAS, holiday donations to food banks and pantries often run low as spring nears; and

WHEREAS, when school nutrition programs end in the summertime, families with school age children must find alternate sources of food; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive collected 71.6 million pounds of food which was distributed locally in the communities in which it was collected; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Maine, letter carriers collected 389,000 pounds of food as a result of the 2018 food drive; and

WHEREAS, thousands of households in the State of Maine continue to struggle to provide food for their families; and

WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association work to end the challenges of hunger in the State of Maine, and across the country, through their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers will collect food donations to be distributed to food banks and pantries at a much-needed time of the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 11, 2019, as

Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day

throughout the State of Maine and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

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



Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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