

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported over 2,050 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme disease in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual incidence of Lyme disease is likely much higher than reported and disproportionately affects children between five and fifteen years and adults over sixty-five years; and

**WHEREAS**, tick bites can be prevented by staying in the center of wooded paths, wearing light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, using an EPA approved insect repellent, performing daily tick checks, and properly removing ticks; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness and education are necessary to help reduce tickborne illnesses in Maine, including promoting awareness of Lyme disease, other tickborne illnesses, and the timely use of prevention measures, as illustrated by the theme "Tick Tock"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 124<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, L.D. 1709, Item 1, *An Act to Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease*;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

### Lyme Disease Awareness Month

in Maine, and I urge all the citizens of Maine to become aware of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of tickborne illnesses.



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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State