



**WHEREAS**, National Computer Science Education Week celebrates the vital role that computer science education plays in providing opportunities for students and in building an innovative workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine Department of Education has partnered with teachers, specialists, and the business community to design a comprehensive Computer Science Education plan that encourages all schools to provide interdisciplinary, project-based learning experiences that incorporate computational thinking, innovation and design processes, and applied learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's comprehensive plan includes goals to ensure equitable access and opportunities for all students to engage in high-quality Computer Science education; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy calls for highly skilled workers who can creatively and independently solve complex problems through computational thinking, engineering, and coding; and

**WHEREAS**, computing occupations are a part of nearly every Maine industry including healthcare, manufacturing, and information technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine has more than 1,000 open computing jobs with an average annual salary significantly higher than Maine's average salary; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine teachers offer instructional designs that provide students with active, authentic, and project-based learning opportunities that integrate computer science and provide students with applied, real-world experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine is developing a PK-12 continuum of online computer science learning opportunities that will be free and open to all students in the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of December 6th through the 12th, 2021 as

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throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



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

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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Secretary of State  
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