

State of Maine

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 5 M.R.S. §1501 requires that the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium commence on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a budget document contemplated by 5 M.R.S. §1662 et. Seq that would appropriate and allocate funds sufficient to operate State government during that biennium has not become law by July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this even substantially affects the means by which the Executive Branch may faithfully execute the laws in accordance with Article V, Part First, Section 12; and


WHEREAS, the failure to execute faithfully those laws that serve the government's most fundamental purpose – to provide protection against the risk of harm to persons and their property – poses a direct and imminent risk of harm to those persons and their property, including property under the care of the State of Maine on behalf of the People; and

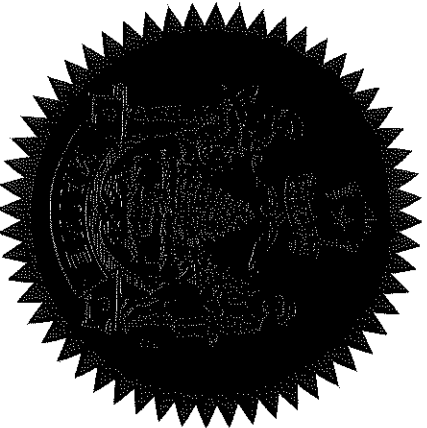
WHEREAS, this risk gives rise to a civil emergency within the meaning of the Maine Emergency Management Act, 37-B M.R.S. §701 Et. Seq; and


WHEREAS, that Act empowers the Governor, upon declaration of a civil emergency, to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from such emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LePAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, and after finding that the aforementioned conditions constitute a civil emergency within the meaning of 37-B M.R.S. §742, I do hereby declare a State of Civil Emergency as of July 1, 2017 and exercise my authority to suspend strict compliance with laws or rules that prevent, hinder, and delay effective management of the emergency.

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 July in the year Two Thousand Seventeen.


Paul R. LePage
Governor




Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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