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Proclamation Regarding Registration Day

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STATE OF MAINE
BY THE GOVERNOR
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas in accordance with the Act of Congress of May eighteenth the President of the United States has designated Tuesday, June fifth, as Registration Day, now, therefore, I do hereby summon all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, to present themselves between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. on the said fifth day of June at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent homes, excepting, only, officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the National Guard and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, and officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps and enlisted men in the Reserve Corps while in active service.

This call to registration will come to the young men of Maine not only as the summons of law but also as an opportunity to perform with spontaneous enthusiasm a patriotic duty. No fear of penalties will be needed to insure universal response to the summons. I urge upon all our citizens the importance of aiding in every possible way to make the registration one hundred per cent. efficient and to surround it with the enthusiasm appropriate to the occasion.

Employers of labor are urged not to make the day an industrial holiday, but to arrange for the presence of their employees at the places of registration at convenient intervals during the day. Owners of automobiles are requested to offer them for service where needed. I hope that the significance of the day will be emphasized by the general display of the American flag. Clergymen are requested to announce from their pulpits the date of registration, and newspapers are urged to give it all possible publicity.

Maine has always been staunch in her patriotism. No flag of a Maine regiment has ever yet been surrendered to an enemy. On this most momentous day in the history of our country, I confidently summon our entire citizenship to a triumphant demonstration that shall be worthy of our glorious tradition.

Given at the Executive Chamber at Augusta, this first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first.

By the Governor.

SECRETARY OF STATE.