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Friends of Maine Libraries Proclamation by the Governor 2014

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State of Maine



WHEREAS, Many libraries in Maine have Friends groups which work to provide support and resources for their local Community Anchor Institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that Maine libraries receive the resources they need to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that Maine libraries are the cornerstones of communities providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

WHEREAS, Friends groups raise money that enables libraries to provide resources for programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of Maine communities; and

WHEREAS, National Friends of Libraries Week is celebrated throughout the United States by numerous individuals and organizations, bringing together millions of people for various community events, educational seminars, and individual activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014 as

FRIENDS OF MAINE LIBRARIES WEEK

throughout the State of Maine, and 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 September Two Thousand Fourteen

Paul R. LePage
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Governor



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Secretary of State
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