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STATE OF MAINE
PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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For more than four months the State of Maine has been buried under a mantle of ice and snow. The North Wind has frozen our lakes and streams and even the salt water bays and rivers along the seacoast have been stiffened by its blast. The Winter has been severe both for man and beast.

What of the birds? Those that have remained with us have suffered and died in great numbers, but the survivors join with their human friends in hailing the advent of Spring.

The first mild days will bring back to us the migratory birds, whose annual visit has been delayed, and the State once again will be happier and more cheerful on account of their return.

Never was there a Spring when our feathered friends were more welcome. Throughout the remainder of the year let us care for them, protect, enjoy, and study them with renewed interest.

Life is sweeter because of the birds. Like human beings they suffer and die, often are hungry and cold, but unlike them their spirits seem never to droop. Frail little creatures though they be, they ever are cheerful, hopeful and brave. In these respects they set a bright example to their human companions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Percival P. Baxter, Governor of the State of Maine do hereby proclaim

Friday, April 13, 1923

THIRD ANNUAL BIRD DAY in the STATE OF MAINE

and I urge all our citizens, young and old, to give it proper observance.



Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this Third Day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and of the State of Maine the one hundred and fourth.

Percival P. Baxter
Governor of Maine

By the Governor:

Frank W. Ball
Secretary of State.

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