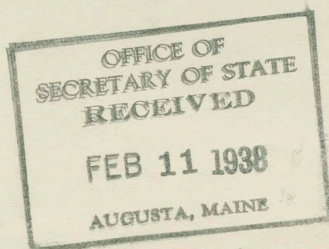


*Proclamation by the Governor  
National Defence Week*



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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

In accordance with the custom inaugurated in 1934, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States has designated the period, February twelfth to twenty-second, inclusive, as National Defense Week. The dates commemorate the birthdays of two of our national heroes, Washington and Lincoln.

The members of the organization firmly believe in peace, but also that the best insurance against war is found in adequate national preparedness. It is their opinion that strong water, land and air forces will deter any nation from aggressive attack upon us. The basic intent of National Defense Week is to inform our people of the need of proper precautions to ensure the safety of the country.

In the belief that adequate military preparedness is a duty of government that should be supported by our people and that readiness to resist aggression minimizes the likelihood of the United States becoming involved in war,

I, Lewis O. Barrows, Governor of Maine, do hereby proclaim  
February 12 to 22, inclusive, as

NATIONAL DEFENSE WEEK



Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Sixty-second.

*Lewis O. Barrows*  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Frederick Robie*  
Secretary of State