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CANCER CONTROL MONTH

Citizens of Maine, ever alert to the importance and value of measures designed to promote health, have in the past, by their individual efforts and means, given wholeheartedly to causes whether espoused by the hospitals and professions or by laymen.

Three years ago Maine was indeed fortunate in having instituted within her borders the Women's Field Army--composed of professional women, club women, housewives, women of every race, religion, and class--for the purpose of an educational campaign against cancer, spreading the message that "Early Cancer is Curable--Fight it With Knowledge!" For the fourth successive year, Maine women again take leadership in a stubborn fight against this dreaded disease--one of civilization's deadliest foes.

Maine's campaign is part of a nationwide march against this enemy of mankind which claims the lives of at least 150,000 each year. Unit-ing in the work is the Maine Medical Association which has given the program full endorsement. With their program of education this year they also seek 25,000 new enlistments from the public-at-large, and funds thus raised will be used during 1940 in bringing treatment and relief to Maine's indigent or needy cancer sufferers.

It is a pleasure and privilege for me to be associated with the Women's Field Army as a member of its Board of Directors, and as Chief Executive of the State of Maine, I do proclaim the month of April as Cancer Control Month in our State, designating the period of April 2 to April 8, 1940, as Enlistment Week.

Maine women have undertaken the task of raising the sum of \$25,000 and I most heartily commend them for their initiative and sacrifice in behalf of our unfortunate neighbors, recognizing at the same time the labors of those who in the past have contributed so generously to the foundation of the Army in Maine, and I do now urge our citizens in all parts of the State to support the aims of the Women's Field Army according to their means.

Mayors and executive heads of communities in all sections of the State are asked to lend their encouragement to the work of the Army by their proclamations and a plea for community cooperation.

Lewis O. Barrows
LEWIS O. BARROWS
Governor of Maine

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