

Proclamation by the Governor

Mother's Day



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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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Mother's Day--world-wide in its establishment, ennobling in its influence on all mankind--an occasion honoring mothers living and departed, and when tribute is paid to the Motherhood of Heaven and Earth--will be observed this year on Sunday, May 12.

It would indeed be most appropriate if, in our observance of Mother's Day in Maine--which may rightfully take the form of tokens of love and esteem, and by display of the Flag pay homage to our State and Nation inspiring thereby closer relationship between homes and the commonwealth and their sons and daughters--we gave serious reflection on European aggression and entertained in our hearts the benevolence that comes out of Peace.

In this hour our American homes stand as the supreme defense strength of our Country. It is from them, in times of stress and turmoil, that the service of womanhood and manhood is summoned--sacrifices of Mother and Country toward preservation of Liberty.

Along with our tribute to "Mother", we should desire to show remembrance of our defenders by display of the Flag, symbolizing Liberty, Peace and Religious Freedom.

Accordingly, I, Lewis O. Barrows, Governor of Maine in recognition of the true significance of the event, and acknowledging the devoted sponsorship of the day by its founder, Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, do proclaim

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1940, as

MOTHER'S DAY

and urge the citizens of the State of Maine to observe the day in an appropriate manner, that consideration be also given by our schools and colleges, and that the Flag be displayed on homes and buildings.



Given at the Office of the Governor and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty and in the one hundred and sixty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

*Lewis O. Barrows*

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Governor

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State