*State of Maine*

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that in 2015, 1,200 cases of Lyme disease have been reported; and

**WHEREAS,** the actual incidence of Lyme disease is likely far more than reported; and

**WHEREAS,** Lyme disease disproportionately affects children between five and fifteen years and mature adults over sixty-five years; and

**WHEREAS,** public awareness and education are necessary to educate and promote awareness of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the 124th Maine Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, L.D. 1709, Item 1, *An Act to Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE,** Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

## LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge the public to become aware of the steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of tick-borne illnesses.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-second day of April Two Thousand Sixteen

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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