

WHEREAS, veterans and their families have sacrificed bravely for the United States of America and the State of Maine, and it is our duty to support those who have given so much for our country; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Count, a program of Easterseals provides funding assistance for necessities such as food, clothing, and housing when no other resource is available.

WHEREAS, as the needs of our service members continues to grow, so does the support provided by Veterans Count.

WHEREAS, since its inception Easterseals / Veterans Count has provided these services to over 2,000 Maine service members, Veterans, and families; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Count 4th annual "Make 12 Hours Count" Radiothon to benefit Maine Veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the "Make 12 Hours Count" Radiothon raised over \$50,000 for Maine veterans, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Veterans Count is to provide immediate assistance and service while ensuring the health and overall dignity of our Maine veterans in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great state of Maine, do hereby proclaim March 27th, 2019 **VETERANS COUNT DAY** in Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this nineteenth day of March Two Thousand Nineteen

> Janet T. Mills Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

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