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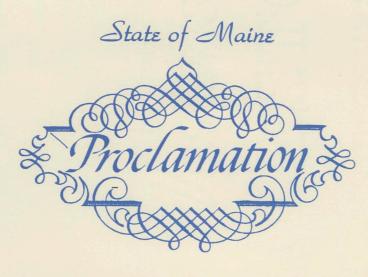
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WHEREAS, citizens who have Down syndrome are active citizens who contribute much to the overall quality of life in this community; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness and acceptance of these persons will increase their access to community housing, employment, and social and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Maine's communities must seek to create places where all people can explore and develop their various abilities, can enjoy productive work, and can contribute by meaningful participation in the life of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the State of Maine to instill positive perceptions of people with Down syndrome,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. McKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim 1990 - 1999 as

A DECADE FOR DOWN SYNDROME

throughout the State of Maine.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twelfth day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR. Governor

G. William Diamond Secretary of State