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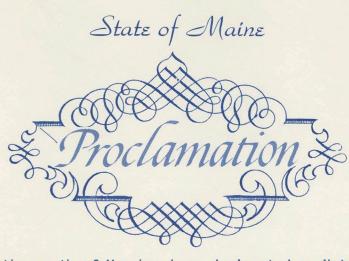
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WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as National High Blood Pressure Month as a means of educating the public to this dread, but controllable disease which kills or cripples hundreds of thousands of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 25 million persons in this country have high blood pressure and many are unaware of its presence until it is too late; and

WHEREAS, others who have the disease and know it fail to take the appropriate steps to control it; and

WHEREAS, high blood pressure, or hypertension, initially is symptomless; yet it is a major contributor to heart failure, stroke, kidney disease and prolonged discomfort and disability; and

WHEREAS, both detection and treatment are available, and we urge the public not to waste our most precious resource--human life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Longley, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1977 as

"HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONTH"

in the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to join in the battle against this silent killer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta, this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy seven.

James B. Longley

By the Governor

Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR High Blood Pressure Month

