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Proclamation by the Governor

"Spirit of 76"

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State of Maine

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the famous "Bennington Flag" is known to be the first version of the "Stars and Stripes" to have been flown by American troops in victory over a defeated enemy; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Bennington, where the flag was first unfurled, was an inspiring victory and was called by Thomas Jefferson "the first link in the chain of success" which led to the final victory of American arms at Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, the theme adopted by the United States of America for its observance of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution is the revitalization of this self-same "Spirit of '76";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby call on the citizens of this great State to display by their words and deeds a new "Spirit of '76" by involving themselves more fully in public affairs at every level; and

FURTHER, I do proclaim that the Bennington Flag, which by its role in the nation's heritage and its very physical design symbolizes this "Spirit of '76", should be displayed in this State as a positive display of patriotism and personal involvement.



Given at the office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this Thirty-first day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-eighth.

Kenneth M. Curtis
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By the Governor

Joseph J. Edgar
Secretary of State