

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported over 1,800 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme disease in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the actual incidence of Lyme disease is likely much higher than reported; including disproportionately affecting children between five and fifteen years and mature adults over sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education are necessary for the public to ensure fewer incidences of tickborne illnesses in Maine by promoting awareness of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, as illustrated by the them 'No Ticks 4 ME'; and

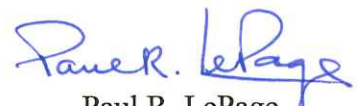
WHEREAS, the 124th Maine Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 494, L.D. 1709, Item 1, *An Act to Enhance Public Awareness of Lyme Disease*.

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 first day
of May, Two Thousand Eighteen


Paul R. LePage
Governor




Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

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