

State of Maine



WHEREAS, environmental education could increase dramatically by creating a full week of education preparation in K-12 classrooms, university campuses, and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education; and

WHEREAS, environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring actual grade-appropriate environmental literacy goals and content standards; and

WHEREAS, environmental education could encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks; and

WHEREAS, the professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders; and

WHEREAS, National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with hundreds of environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies is planned for the week prior to Earth Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim April 12 - 18, 2009 as

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the State of 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 twentieth day of March Two Thousand and Nine.

John E. Baldacci
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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