WHEREAS, NEIWPCC, formerly known as the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, is a regional commission that helps the states of the Northeast preserve and advance water quality; and

WHEREAS, the commission conducts research into water-related topics, monitors environmental factors, and funds such work by other groups, in addition to implementing and funding environmental restoration and other on-the-ground projects;

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 75th anniversary since NEIWPCC was established by an act of Congress on July 31st, 1947; and

WHEREAS, 2022 also marks the 50th year since the passage of the 1972 federal Clean Water Act, the landmark environmental legislation that serves as the foundation for how the United States restores and protects its water resources; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maine has collaborated on clean water issues with other states in the region through its membership to NEIWPCC since 1955;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby recognize and congratulate NEIWPCC on its 75th anniversary, this 31st day of July 2022.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of July Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State