

State of Maine



**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Establish a Right to Food**

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Maine, in the First Special Session, by Constitutional Resolution 1, with two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, proposed to the electors of the State of Maine the following amendment to the Constitution, to wit:

Article I, Section 25, is enacted to read:

Section 25. Right to food. All individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to food, including the right to save and exchange seeds and the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual does not commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights, public lands or natural resources in the harvesting, production or acquisition of food.

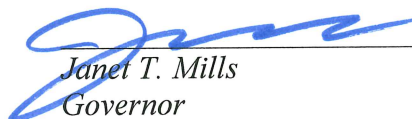
WHEREAS, it appears by the returns of the votes cast by the electors of the various cities, towns and plantations voting upon said amendment as directed in the aforementioned Constitutional Resolution at the election held on November 2, 2021, and communicated to the Governor on November 15, 2021, that a majority of said votes were in favor of this amendment; namely,

249,273 in favor, and
160,440 opposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JANET T. MILLS, Governor of the State of Maine, do proclaim the Constitution of the State of Maine amended as proposed in accordance with the provisions of this said Constitutional Resolution, the amendment shall hereupon as of the date of this proclamation become a part of the Constitution.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed given under my hand at Augusta this 19th day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-one.


Janet T. Mills
Governor



Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State