



WHEREAS, unused and unwanted consumer pharmaceuticals have a negative impact on public health and the environment and the lack of effective and efficient methods of drug disposal has resulted in unwelcome social, cultural, ecological and global effects; and

WHEREAS, theft and social use, misuse, and abuse of pharmaceuticals by teenagers, adults and older adults has increased; and

WHEREAS, increasing poly-pharmacy, non-adherence to prescriptions and medication errors contributes to accumulation and poor patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, potential deleterious effects on wildlife and humans due to drug disposition in surface and ground waters are a result of improper disposal; and

WHEREAS, unused medications represent wasted health care dollars to both consumers, insurance carriers and tax payers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 31, 2008 as

PROPER DRUG DISPOSAL DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize the need for proper adherence to medication and appropriate drug disposal across the State of Maine.

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this fifth
day of September in the Year of our
Lord Two Thousand and Eight.



John E. Baldacci
Governor



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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