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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. _____ 28 FY 08/09
DATE _____ April 7, 2009

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY
TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND BEQUESTS**

WHEREAS, Governor Percival Proctor Baxter most generously gave Baxter State Park and funds to maintain it to the people of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, other munificent individuals and groups wish to donate to Baxter Park in order to preserve Governor Baxter's vision; and

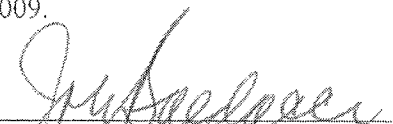
WHEREAS, the Baxter State Park Authority was established in order to follow the wishes and intent of Governor Baxter, and in doing so the Authority oversees the trust funds and monies to maintain and preserve the Park, 12 M.R.S.A. §900; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor, am authorized to accept any and all gifts and bequests to the State of Maine or any of its branches of government, and no other state official may accept any gift or bequest to the State or any of its branches of Government, with a greater value than \$50, unless specifically authorized to do so by law or unless empowered to do so by the Governor, 2 M.R.S.A. §5;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Elias Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby empower the Baxter State Park Authority to accept any and all gifts and bequests to Baxter State Park so long as any such gift or bequest is made without encumbrances, stipulations, conditions or qualifications. In exercising this authorization, the Baxter State Park Authority shall inform the Governor of any gift or bequest over \$1,000 at the time of receipt, and, in addition, the Baxter State Park Authority shall submit a report to the Governor of the State of Maine at the end of each fiscal year setting forth any gifts or bequests made to Baxter State Park that year, including the name of the donor and the amount donated.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is April 7, 2009.


John E. Baldacci, Governor