

State of Maine



WHEREAS, since 1999 the GEAR UP program has successfully been a part of schools around the nation, increasing the academic performance and preparation for post-secondary education of participating schools; and

WHEREAS, over 15,000 students in Maine have been enrolled in the current Maine State GEAR UP grant since 2005; and

WHEREAS, students involved in the program have demonstrated an increase in the rate of high school graduation and participation on post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, students have increased their use of Personal Learning Plans in GEAR UP schools and increased the number of math and science courses taken during their senior year; and

WHEREAS, these students have experienced increased educational expectations and student family knowledge of post-secondary education, preparation, and financing; and

WHEREAS, these students have increased their use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and their parents have increased their attendance at financial aid workshops sponsored by schools; and

WHEREAS, Maine is continuing to build a state-wide culture and acceptance on the importance of ensuring college access for all students through this program's initiatives; and

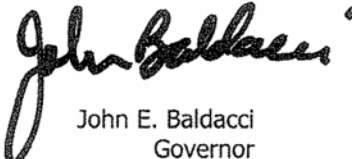
WHEREAS, the National GEAR UP day is set aside for September 30, 2010,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2010 as

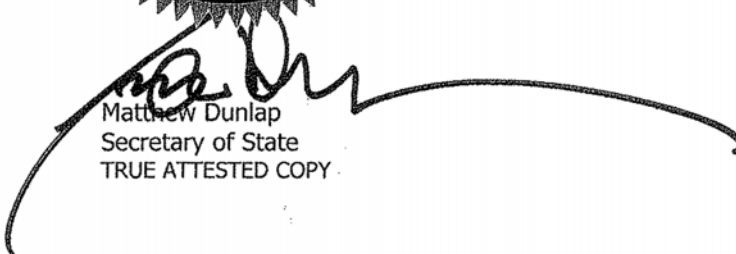
NATIONAL GEAR UP DAY

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 twenty-fifth day of August
Two Thousand and Ten.


John E. Baldacci
Governor




Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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