

State of Maine

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Maine is known as Vacationland and it truly lives up to this slogan with tourism being the State's #1 industry; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is seen as a culinary tourism destination with it's long tradition in farming and the strong farm to table initiative throughout many of our great restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Harvest on the Harbor received the Governor's Award for Tourism Excellence for extending the traditional tourism season and generating valuable state tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Harvest on the Harbor was named "Top 10 Seafood and Wine Festival" in North America by Coastal Living Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Portland is home to two nationally acclaimed, James Beard award winning chefs; and

WHEREAS, Bon Appétit magazine has named Portland, the Foodiest Small Town in America for 2009

WHEREAS, The Greater Portland Convention and visitors Bureau through the hard work of Barbara Whitten and her dedicated staff promotes the region as a culinary tourism destination by creating Maine's Premier Food and Wine Experience, Harvest on the Harbor, a successful three-day event drawing "foodies" from around the country to Maine,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim October 22 - 24, 2009 as

HARVEST ON THE HARBOR

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 second day of September
Two Thousand and Nine.


John E. Baldacci
Governor




Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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