

*State of Maine*



WHEREAS, Chebeague Island has been a part of the town of Cumberland since 1821; and

WHEREAS, the most recent efforts for secession from Cumberland began in 2002 and escalated in 2005 in attempts to keep the Chebeague Island elementary school open; and

WHEREAS, in a nonbinding referendum in the fall of 2005, 86 percent of the 350 year-round residents of Chebeague Island voted for secession; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2006, the Maine House voted 131-1 and the Maine Senate voted 31-3 in favor of the secession of Chebeague Island; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2006, Governor John Baldacci signed into law LD 1735, An Act to Authorize Chebeague Island to Secede from the Town of Cumberland; and

WHEREAS, since the law went into effect in the summer of 2006, the residents of Chebeague Island have elected a transition team and planned a new government for the Town of Chebeague Island; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 1, 2007, Chebeague Island officially becomes an independent town in the State of Maine,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2007 as

## **CHEBEAGUE ISLAND 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 fourteenth day of June  
Two Thousand and Seven.

John E. Baldacci  
Governor



Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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