

## State of Maine Proclamation

WHEREAS, the East Coast Greenway is a proposed 2,800 mile shared-use trail for bicyclists, equestrians, walkers and the physically-challenged that will stretch along the eastern seaboard of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the East Coast Greenway, the "trail connecting cities", is one of the 16 National Millennium Trails in the United States that will link the major urban centers of the Eastern Seaboard with Maine's Canadian border and the southern tip of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the East Coast Greenway will be routed for over 600 miles through the State of Maine linking many of its major communities from Kittery to Calais; and

WHEREAS, the first East Coast Greenway Maine to Florida Tour will take place September 12 to November 4 with a small group of trail 'ambassadors' who will travel the entire length of the East Coast via muscle-powered means; and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens will be traveling via bicycle along the route of the East Coast Greenway to raise awareness about the East Coast Greenway, community trails and the connection with Heritage Tourism, Health, Active Living and Access for People with Disabilities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2004 in recognition of the

### **FIRST EAST COAST GREENWAY MAINE TO FLORIDA TOUR**

and urge all citizens to support the passage of this Tour in Maine and to use the occasion to raise public awareness for trails and the expansion of shared-use path facilities across Maine.

