

State of Maine



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Roger Sargeant Angell was born in New York City on September 19, 1920; and

WHEREAS, the son of Katharine Sargeant Angell White, *The New Yorker's* first fiction editor, and Ernest Angell, head of the American Civil Liberties Union, and stepson of essayist, author and Brooklin, Maine summer resident E. B. White, Roger Angell was exposed to the arts and literature and to the coast of Maine from a very young age; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the Air Force in World War II, Roger Angell began his literary career as an editor and reporter for the G.I. weekly magazine *Brief*, which led him after the war to becoming an editor with *Holiday Magazine*, and commencing a fifty year career with *The New Yorker*; and

WHEREAS, an American essayist known for his writing on sports, Roger Angell has also written extensively about Maine and about life experiences such as aging, the loss of his wife, and his remarriage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a longtime contributor to and editor of *The New Yorker*, Roger Angell has written works of fiction, nonfiction, humor and criticism for which he has been awarded the George Polk Award for Commentary, the Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement; the PEN/ESPN Lifetime Achievement Award for Literary Sports Writing, and the J.G. Taylor Spink Award; and

WHEREAS, Roger Angell is the only person who is both a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame and the American Academy of Arts and Letters; and

WHEREAS, since first coming to Brooklin in the summer of 1933, Roger Angell took to the simple pleasures of living in Maine, from sailing and fishing to discussing planting and preservation with residents, experiences he has shared with his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, like countless other artists and writers, Roger Angell has found inspiration in Brooklin's seascapes and landscapes, and friendship with its hardworking people from the boatyard to the farm to the library; and

WHEREAS, for his love and support of our state and the community of Brooklin in particular, Maine considers Roger Angell one of our own, having one foot in the city and one foot solidly on our rocky coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim August 8, 2020 as **Roger Angell Day** in honor of his upcoming 100th birthday, and I encourage all Maine people to honor and recognize his lifetime of achievements and contributions.

In testimony whereof and under my
hand at Augusta this eighth day
of August Two Thousand Twenty



Janet T. Mills
Governor