

## PROCLAMATION

### National Community Development Week

April 21-25, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development implemented the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in 1974 for the purpose of providing local governments with the financial resources to assist low and moderate income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cumberland has utilized nonprofit and community-based organizations to address community improvements and human needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 21-25, 2025 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities like Cumberland County to provide decent, safe and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

**WHEREAS**, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cumberland and its partnering local governments have clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG Program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past nineteen years, Cumberland County has received over \$26,500,000 in CDBG funds and since 2012 \$4,000,000 in HOME funds;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Office, not only processed and distributed the County's \$1,556,118 CDBG allocation and \$325,000 HOME allocation last year, to qualified individuals, businesses, non-profits and towns within Cumberland County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County, Maine, that said Board hereby designates the week of April 21-25, 2025 as National Community Development Week in Cumberland County and encourage all citizens of Cumberland County to support community development activities this month and throughout the year because our vibrant communities provide the foundation for a high quality of life for our residents.

Signed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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