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Gov. Mills to lead State of Maine Bicentennial Parade Presented by Poland Spring on Saturday, Aug. 21

AUBURN AND LEWISTON – Governor Janet T. Mills will be the grand marshal of the [State of Maine Bicentennial Parade Presented by Poland Spring](#), which will begin at 10 a.m. **on Saturday, August 21, 2021 in Auburn and Lewiston.**

“Maine people have persevered through a global pandemic with the grit and the grace that has shaped our state for generations,” said Governor Mills. “The Bicentennial Parade is another opportunity to honor the resilience of Maine people, to remember our history, and to recommit to a creating a better and brighter future for us all.”

The Maine Bicentennial Commission (Maine200), in partnership with the Cities of Auburn and Lewiston and presenting sponsor Poland Spring, is hosting this celebration of Maine’s people and cultures, with more than 80 units commemorating 201 years of statehood.

“We are very thankful for the sponsorship of Poland Spring and the dedication from the staff in the cities of Auburn and Lewiston, who have put so much work into preparing this historic celebration of all that we love about Maine,” said Commission Chairman Senator Bill Diamond.

Gov. Mills will be riding in the University of Maine 3Dirigo boat, led by the Maine200 inter-generational Bicentennial Marching Band featuring musicians from across the State.

The commission is partnering with WGME (CBS-13/FOX 23) to produce a live broadcast of the event, beginning at 10:30 a.m., and will also stream it online at www.wgme.com.

“Poland Spring is proud to be the marquee sponsor of the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade. This year, more than ever, Maine has so much to celebrate,” said Heather Printup, Poland Spring® Community Relations Manager. “Our strength of spirit has been the hallmark of Mainers for 201 years, Poland Spring for 176 years, and our most valuable asset for generations to come.”

Spectators are encouraged to visit the parade website, www.Maine200parade.com for maps and all the details about the route, viewing areas, vendor areas and a link to information about the [Lewiston Downtown Association street festival](#) that is planned after the parade concludes.

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