

Proclamation for the Return of Fort O'Brien Cannon

Whereas the TOWN OF MACHIASPORT was settled in **1763** some 250 years ago!

Whereas the TOWN OF MACHIASPORT was incorporated in **1826** just 63 years later!

Whereas the BATTLE OF THE MAGARETTA took place just off these shores in **1775!**

Whereas the construction of FORT MACHIAS was begun and finished by **1776!**

Whereas FORT MACHIAS was active during the Revolutionary War!

Whereas the O'BRIEN FAMILY was largely responsible for the building of FORT MACHIAS!

Whereas FORT MACHIAS was made part of the National Defense by Congress in **1781!**

Whereas FORT MACHIAS was burned during the War of **1812!**

Whereas FORT MACHIAS was active during the **Civil War!**

Whereas in 1863 FORT MACHIAS became FORT O'BRIEN in honor of **Jeremiah O'Brien!**

Whereas in 1864 FORT O'BRIEN had **5 mounted guns** protecting the mouth of the Machias!

Whereas the middle cannon was a Napoleon with **12-pound cannon balls!**

Whereas FORT O'BRIEN became a State Historic Site in **1923 by Governor Baxter for \$100!**

Whereas the CANNON went missing around **2006!**

Whereas the CANNON has been found at **Cobscook State Park!**

Whereas Dave Wood has a crane for moving the CANNON!

Whereas Downeast Correctional Facility Inmates will build a concrete base for the CANNON!

I, Ray Foster, President of the Machiasport Historical Society, on this Day of Machiasport Celebration of 250 years of settlement, July 27, in the year 2013, in Washington County, in the State of Maine do proclaim that the FORT O'BRIEN CANNON be returned to Fort O'Brien State Park.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of the Town of Machiasport as well as the signatures of Selectman Michael Murphy, Selectman Sam Burleigh Sprague, Selectman Charles Ingalls, 250th Celebration Committee Member Rick Bury and 250th Committee Sandra K. Prescott.