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## Maine Bicentennial Commission to launch website, outreach campaign

**WHO:** The Maine Bicentennial Commission, chaired by Sen. William Diamond, is a group of 20 individuals representing various organizations helping to commemorate Maine’s 200<sup>th</sup> year of statehood. Chairman Diamond will be joined by Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, State Archivist David Cheever, Maine State Chamber of Commerce President Dana F. Connors, and several other members of the commission.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress St., Portland

**WHAT:** The commission will publicly announce the bicentennial effort as “Maine200” and unveil:

- The bicentennial’s official logo and slogan,
- the [www.maine200.org](http://www.maine200.org) website that will be the information resource for all bicentennial events, programs, merchandise and opportunities,
- the mission and vision statements for the bicentennial effort,
- the social media platforms that will be active now through 2020 to keep everyone engaged in the goings-on, and the
- bicentennial events and programs being planned.

**WHY:** Maine’s 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood is an important milestone that allows us to reflect on who we are as a state. We will be seeking to encourage Maine individuals and organizations to get involved by incorporating the bicentennial theme into the events, goods and services they already offer, asking Maine corporations to help “lead the way” by sponsoring bicentennial efforts, and welcoming visitors to enjoy Maine culture and identity with us. Maine’s bicentennial is a perfect time for us all to commemorate our past, celebrate our present, and take a view toward the future.

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Sen. Bill Diamond, *Chair* | Gov. Paul LePage | Hayden Anderson, *Maine Humanities Council* | Steve Bromage, *Maine Historical Society*  
David Cheever, *Maine State Archivist* | Dana Connors, *Maine Chamber of Commerce* | Matthew Dunlap, *Secretary of State* | Rep. David Haggan  
Sen. Jim Hamper | Rep. Jim Handy | Nina Fisher, *Maine Community College System* | Bernard Fishman, *Maine State Museum* | Beth Gibbs, *Thomas College*  
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