



JOHN BALDACCI
Former Governor of Maine

John Elias Baldacci served two four-year terms as Maine's Governor. Baldacci was first elected to public office in 1978, earning a seat on the Bangor City Council at the age of 23. In 1982, he was elected to the Maine State Senate, where he served for twelve years. Baldacci was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1994. He was re-elected to Congress by wide margins in 1996, 1998, and 2000. Baldacci was first elected Governor of the State of Maine in 2002. In his first term as Governor, he won approval for major initiatives including Dirigo Health, the Community College System, and Pine Tree Zones. Baldacci, in his second term, built on the foundation he created in his first four years in office. He increased Maine's competitiveness in the global economy; streamlined government services; attracted good jobs; and ensured that all Mainers have access to quality education, workforce training, and health care.

Topics: State and federal budgeting; reinventing government at all levels; renewable energy development; providing affordable quality healthcare; quality of place—economic development and environmental quality.