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**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379:
Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from
Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of
the Department of Environmental Protection**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach for the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Robert B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance period; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.