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RESOLVES
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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

R. Waldo Tyler Wildlife Management Area. Resolved: That in recognition of the inspiring writings, photography and deep love for the great outdoors of R. Waldo Tyler, a tract of land, located in Rockland, Thomaston, South Thomaston and Owls Head, be named the "R. Waldo Tyler Wildlife Management Area" and that an appropriate plaque designating the name of the area be erected and maintained by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at such location as the department shall select.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 1977

CHAPTER 36

RESOLVE, Authorizing a \$450,000 Advance from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to Provide Working Capital on Renovation of and Equipping of Building at Eastport.

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

Whereas, Coastal Resources Center, a nonprofit corporation with offices at Bar Harbor, organized for the purpose of promoting the economic development of the coastal area of Maine, proposes to acquire by purchase and to convey to the State of Maine by deed of gift, land and a building thereon, at Eastport, for use by the Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute as a marine training center; and

Whereas, the funds available to Coastal Resources Center consist of a contribution approved by the State Board of Education of up to \$90,000 in accumulated income from the George Briggs Trust Fund income account, gifts from individuals, families and family foundations of which one of the latter is under an obligation to make distribution of foundation income not later than June 30, 1977, in order to preserve its status as a tax-exempt charitable organization, necessitating a decision no later than June 1, 1977, whether the offer of a substantial gift of such income for use in the purchase of the property at Eastport will be accepted and so used, failing which the foundation will be obliged to withdraw the offer and dispose of its income elsewhere; and

Whereas, the renovation and equipping of the building, if acquired by the State, would be financed by a grant of \$1,050,000 from the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, which

grant would be paid in installment reimbursements only after the State has, from its own funds, paid project costs for a period, estimated by the Economic Development Administration, of 3 months, involving a total expenditure from state funds of approximately \$450,000 before federal funds would be first received, following which regular federal reimbursements would approximate project expenditures for comparable periods; and

Whereas, the Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute does not have the funds necessary to pay renovation expenses until the initial federal reimbursement would be received; and

Whereas, the entire project, including the purchase of the property by Coastal Resources Center and the subsequent conveyance of the property to the State depends upon the assurance by June 1, 1977, of a source of state funding in the amount of \$450,000, which funds would be returnable to the source providing the funding upon receipt of the last federal payment on the project and in any event prior to June 30, 1979; 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

Working capital advance. Resolved: That the State Controller establish on the books of the State a working capital advance of \$450,000, which advance shall be charged against any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated; and be it further

Department of Educational and Cultural Services. Resolved: That said advance shall be established in the name of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for the sole use of Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute in financing the cost of renovations of a certain building at Eastport for approximately a 3-month period pending the beginning of scheduled monthly reimbursements from the Federal Government under a \$1,050,000 grant by the Economic Development Administration to the State of Maine for the purpose of paying for the cost of renovating and equipping of a building conveyed to the State of Maine by the Coastal Resources Center for use as a Marine Training Center at Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute; and be it further

Reimbursement; working capital advance. Resolved: That upon completion of reimbursements by the Federal Government for project costs and, not later than June 30, 1979, in any event, the State Controller shall close out the working capital advance by transferring the amount advanced to the General Fund.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 1977

CHAPTER 37

RESOLVE, Requiring the Treasurer of State to Release and Pay Funds.