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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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MEMORIALS
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JOINT RESOLUTIONS

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO SUPPORT INCREASED ALLOTMENTS OF FUNDS TO THE
STATE OF MAINE THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Maine Congressional Delegation as follows:

Whereas, many regional and local construction projects in Maine depend for their completion upon funds made available through the Farmers Home Administration; and

Whereas, priority construction projects in the following regions will fail to be completed unless funds are made available through the Farmers Home Administration: Caribou Hospital District; Region II Vocational School in Houlton; Hospital Administrative District #4 in Dover; Region III Vocational School in Lincoln and Southern Aroostook Community School District in Island Falls; and

Whereas, the pressing need for improved educational and medical services in many areas of Maine renders these construction projects of the utmost importance to Maine; and

Whereas, current disputes concerning vast portions of the land in Maine have made it essential for Maine to receive increased funding from outside of the State to help ensure continued growth and development; and

Whereas, allotments to these priority projects through the Farmers Home Administration would assist in maintaining this growth and development while providing these needed services to Maine residents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, respectfully request that the President of the United States, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Maine Congressional Delegation take all possible action to provide an increase of \$11,620,000 in allotment of funds to the State of Maine through the Farmers Home Administration program to assist in funding these priority construction projects within Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States, to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

April 12, 1977

Sent up for concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

April 13, 1977

MAY M. ROSS,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GIFT OF THE
MAINE TOURMALINE NECKLACE TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

Whereas, it is desirable that the State should encourage the promotion of materials which are the products of the State, its history and traditions; and

Whereas, the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the State is accomplished in part by objects of artistic, cultural and educational interest; and

Whereas, tourmaline, by virtue of its discovery during 1820, the year in which Maine became a State, its association with Vice President Hannibal Hamlin and other illustrious Maine people, and its prominence in the gem and mineral field since the recent discovery of the largest tourmaline find in the world at Newry in 1972, has richly deserved its designation as the official mineral for the State of Maine bestowed upon it by the One Hundred and Fifth Legislature; and

Whereas, the rendering of Maine tourmaline and gold into the Maine Tourmaline Necklace by a Maine artisan, Addison W. Saunders of Ellsworth, not only achieves the symbolic concept of a beautiful example of state resources, pride and craftsmanship, but also as an original work of art, it represents a form of expression which will significantly promote a deeper knowledge and understanding of the history and skills of Maine people; and

Whereas, the Governor has accepted on behalf of the State of Maine the gift of the Maine Tourmaline Necklace made by the Maine Retail Jewelers' Association and will take such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of the gift; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the 108th Legislature on behalf of the people of Maine, hereby record our deep appreciation and our enduring gratitude for this gift which, in terms of those unseen and eternal things that make it priceless, depicts the grace, charm and pride of Maine people; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Resolution be prepared and be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Maine State Museum and the Maine Retail Jewelers' Association.

In Senate Chamber

May 25, 1977

Read and Adopted

Sent Down for Concurrence

MAY M. ROSS,
Secretary

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

May 25, 1977

In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven

JOINT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT
AND INDICATING A WILLINGNESS TO UTILIZE THE CAPITOL COMPLEX
PLAN AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS AS A GUIDE FOR
ALL FUTURE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE CAPITOL
COMPLEX.

Whereas, the Capitol Planning Commission has been given the responsibility of establishing and maintaining a master plan for the orderly development of future state buildings and grounds in the Capitol Complex of the City of Augusta; and

Whereas, the Capitol Planning Commission has submitted to the Legislature an updated master plan with proposed public improvements for the next 10 years in the Capitol Complex; and

Whereas, the Legislature has reviewed this plan and the public improvements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the Members of the 108th Legislature in regular session assembled, acknowledge receipt of the Maine Capitol Planning Commission Report dated November 1976 and the fulfillment by the commission of its legislative mandate contained in the public laws of 1967, chapter 458; and be it further

Resolved: That the Legislature gives its general support of the basic concepts of the Capitol Planning Commission Plan, and indicates its willingness to utilize this plan together with any supplements to it and the public improvement proposals of the Capitol Planning Commission as a guide for all future legislation concerning public investments or other matters in the Capitol Complex; provided:

1. That this Joint Resolution shall not constitute implicit or explicit approval or disapproval of any changes in the use of either the Bangor Mental Health Institute or the Augusta Mental Health Institute;

2. That no new office buildings or major renovations shall be begun or undertaken in the Capitol Complex area without a feasibility study being made regarding the use of any available state-owned structures in the Augusta area and that study being reported to the Legislative Council. Furthermore, neither the Nash School or the Education Building shall be demolished without a complete evaluation of the physical structure and historical significance of both buildings;

3. That the Capitol Planning Commission shall submit to the 2nd Regular Session of the 108th Legislature a report evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of centralizing government facilities in the Capitol Planning Area as recommended in the 1976 report. The evaluation shall include, at a minimum, an analysis of the economic and other costs and benefits of such centralization, such as traffic flow and parking, tax consequences of leased versus purchased space and effects on state income, employment and energy and other utility costs of renovation versus construction of structures. The report shall be adopted by the commission only after notice and public hearing as required in subsection 5;

4. That the Capitol Planning Commission shall be instructed to report to the 2nd Regular Session of the 108th Legislature on the advantages and disadvantages of expansion of the boundaries of the Capitol Complex area to include other state government land located in the Augusta and Hallowell area; and

5. That prior to submitting a master plan and additions and amendments thereto, as required in Title 5, section 302, and any report required by law on this Joint Resolution to be submitted to the Legislature, the commission shall hold a public hearing. Notice of this public hearing shall appear in the local newspaper on 2 occasions, the last of which must be at least 7 days, but not more than 14 days, prior to the time fixed for the hearing. Such notice shall contain either the express terms or an informative summary of the plan or report. The commission shall in addition convey effective notice to persons who are likely to have an interest in the plan or report.

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
As Amended by
Committee Amendment "A"

June 20, 1977

Sent down for concurrence

MAY M. ROSS,
Secretary

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
As Amended by
Committee Amendment "A"

June 20, 1977

In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk