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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Senator GILL of Cumberland and Representative CARROLL of Southwest Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

Resolve, to Establish Dental Health Resource Referral Network Projects in Underserved Communities.

Sec. 1. Dental health resource referral network project. Resolved: 1 That the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health in conjunction with the Office of Dental Health shall establish 3 dental health resource referral network projects in up to 4 underserved communities for the purpose of enhancing access to 5 essential dental care for needy individuals. The dental health resource referral network project shall be a coordinated program 7 linking participating dental health professionals with uninsured individuals who are ineligible for other types of dental 9 assistance programs and are in need of essential dental care. 11

In carrying out this resolve, the Office of Dental Health shall determine the appropriate underserved project locations, establish criteria for eligibility, identify specific dental services available, develop a sliding scale fee payment schedule based upon income and issue a request for proposals to identify the best contractor or contractors to administer the dental health resource referral network projects; and be it further

Sec. 2. Result of projects. Resolved: That the results of these 21 projects shall be published in a final report to be submitted to the Legislature by February 1, 1991. The report to the Legislature shall include recommendations on whether the projects should be expanded to other areas of the State; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

33 **Bureau of Health - Office**

of Dental Health 35

All Other 37

\$100,000

39 Provides funds for start-up costs and first year operation of up to 4 projects designed to enhance access to essential dental care 41 to needy individuals.

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This resolve establishes projects in up to 4 underserved communities for the purpose of providing needy individuals with essential dental care. The projects will operate on a referral basis, utilizing the services of participating dental

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professionals. Clients must meet eligibility guidelines and will be charged a fee based on a sliding scale.

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