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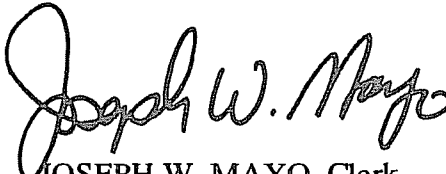
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H.P. 877

House of Representatives, April 6, 1993

Resolve, Creating the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BOWERS of Washington, CARR of Sanford, CONSTANTINE of Bar Harbor, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, GRAY of Sedgwick, HICHBORN of Howland, HOLT of Bath, JOHNSON of South Portland, JOY of Island Falls, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, KNEELAND of Easton, LARRIVEE of Gorham, LEMKE of Westbrook, LOOK of Jonesboro, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, POULIN of Oakland, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, SKOGLUND of St. George, STEVENS of Orono, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WALKER of Blue Hill, YOUNG of Limestone, Senators: BUSTIN of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York, ESTY of Cumberland, FOSTER of Hancock.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission created. Resolved:** That there is created
3 the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission,
4 referred to in this resolve as the "commission," for the
5 observance and celebration of the 175th anniversary of the
6 formation of the State; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Commission membership; chair. Resolved:** That the
8 commission must consist of the following 23 members:

9 1. The President of the Senate or a designee; the Speaker
10 of the House of Representatives or a designee; the State
11 Archivist or a designee; the Director of the Maine State Museum
12 or a designee; the State Librarian or a designee; the Director of
13 the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or a designee; and the
14 State Historian, all of whom serve ex officio; and

15 2. Sixteen members who possess experience in business,
16 cultural, scholarly, historical or municipal affairs in the
17 State, appointed as follows: one person appointed by the Chief
18 Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; 5 persons, to include one
19 member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; 5
20 persons, to include one member of the House of Representatives,
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 5
22 members appointed by the Governor.
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24 The commission shall, by a vote of 2/3 of all members, elect a
25 chair.
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27 The commission members serve terms to expire December 31, 1995
28 and vacancies must be filled in the same manner as the original
29 appointments were made; and be it further
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31 **Sec. 3. Convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
32 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
33 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
34 Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
35 authorities once the selections have been made. The Executive
36 Director of the Legislative Council shall convene the first
37 meeting of the commission no later than December 1, 1993; and be
38 it further
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40 **Sec. 4. Duties of the commission. Resolved:** That the commission
41 shall prepare and administer a comprehensive plan for the
42 adequate observance and celebration on a statewide basis of the
43 175th anniversary of the formation of the State. The
44 comprehensive plan must include, but is not limited to, the
45 following.
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47 1. It must honor historical locations associated with the
48 history and heritage of the State.
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2 2. It must recognize both individuals and organizations
4 associated with the preservation and promotion of the history and
heritage of the State.

6 3. It must encourage civic, patriotic, historic and other
8 organizations to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the State.

10 In addition, the commission shall coordinate and correlate the
12 programs and activities of all public and private agencies and
14 organizations in the State that are planned for the observation
16 of the anniversary and shall select an appropriate official 175th
18 anniversary seal, device or logo. The commission retains
20 exclusive rights to review applications and enter into contracts
or charge appropriate fees for the use of that seal, device or
logo and may engage in activities it determines necessary and
appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolve. In all of
its functions, the commission shall balance the important goals
of ceremony and celebration with the equally important goals of
scholarship and education; and be it further

22 **Sec. 5. Compensation; travel. Resolved:** That the members of
24 the commission shall serve without compensation but are entitled
26 to reimbursement for travel expenses upon application to the
Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses;
and be it further

28 **Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved:** That the commission may seek and
30 accept outside sources of funding, including, but not limited to,
32 federal funds, monetary donations or services in kind from
34 individuals and private charitable, corporate and endowment
36 sources to assist it in carrying out the purposes of this
38 resolve. The Legislative Council shall administer any outside
funds acquired for the purposes of this resolve. Funds may not
be appropriated from the General Fund for the purposes of this
resolve. Reimbursement for expenditures may not be paid relative
to this resolve unless the outside sources of funding have been
received by the Legislative Council; and be it further

40 **Sec. 7. Interim report. Resolved:** That the commission shall
42 report its progress and finances together with any
44 recommendations it determines necessary to the First Regular
Session of the 117th Legislature by December 1, 1994; and be it
further

46 **Sec. 8. Fund established. Resolved:** That there is established
48 the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission Fund,
which is a continuing, carrying, interest-earning fund. The
commission is authorized to sell commemorative memorabilia and

2 publications, the proceeds from which accrue to the fund. The
3 commission may authorize expenditures from the fund. Until
4 distributed pursuant to section 9, the fund must carry forward to
5 carry out the purposes of this resolve.

6 **Sec. 9. Final report. Resolved:** That the commission must
7 conclude its work by December 31, 1995 and must make a final
8 report of its progress and finances to the Second Regular Session
9 of the 117th Legislature. After all accounts of the commission
10 are settled, any surplus funds must be distributed equally to the
11 Maine State Library, the Maine State Museum, the Maine State
12 Archives and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be
13 used for the good of the people of the State.

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16 STATEMENT OF FACT

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18 This resolve creates the Maine State 175th Anniversary
19 Commemoration Commission. The commission shall prepare and
20 administer a comprehensive plan for the observance and
21 celebration of the 175th anniversary of the formation of the
22 State. The commission is authorized to raise funds from outside
23 sources and to charge appropriate fees for use of the 175th
24 anniversary seal. Following the conclusion of the commission's
25 work, any surplus funds must be distributed equally to the Maine
26 State Library, the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Archives
27 and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be used for the
28 good of the people of the State.

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