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In Senate, February 23, 1994

Resolve, to Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: McCORMICK of Kennebec, SUMMERS of Cumberland,
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BRUNO of Raymond, CASHMAN of Old Town,
CLARK of Millinocket, DAGGETT of Augusta, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GEAN of Alfred,
HUSSEY of Milo, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, LARRIVEE of Gorham, MORRISON of Bangor,
MURPHY of Berwick, OLIVER of Portland, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PFEIFFER of
Brunswick, PINETTE of Fort Kent, POULIN of Oakland, POULIOT of Lewiston, SAXL of
Bangor, TOWNSEND of Portland, TOWNSEND of Eastport, TOWNSEND of Canaan.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon
Commission on Hunger and Food Security, referred to in this
3 resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

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5 **Sec. 2. Members. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
6 15 members as follows: one Senator from the Joint Standing
Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the President of the
7 Senate; 3 Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on
Human Resources, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives; one representative of the Department of Human
9 Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; 10
10 representatives of the general public, including representatives
of business, labor, religion, private nonprofit charitable
11 organizations, low-income organizations, agriculture and
antihunger organizations, 4 of whom are appointed by the
12 Governor, 3 by the President of the Senate and 3 by the Speaker
of the House of Representatives; and be it further

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14 **Sec. 3. Organizational meeting. Resolved:** That the commission
15 shall hold an organizational meeting, called by the Chair of the
Legislative Council, within 30 days of the effective date of this
16 resolve and shall elect from among the members a chair and a
vice-chair for the commission; and be it further

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18 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall hold
19 hearings on hunger and food security, which, for the purposes of
this resolve, means access through normal channels to nutrition
20 sufficient for daily life and work, and develop a plan for
relieving hunger and ensuring food security for people in the
21 State. The commission shall inquire into the experience of
hunger in this State and investigate changes in policies and
22 programs that will enable all citizens of this State to attain
food security and to move toward self-reliance. This inquiry
23 must include, but is not limited to, consideration of the reform
of public welfare and the role of public and private efforts in
24 achieving food security; and be it further

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26 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning
Office and the Department of Human Services shall provide
27 research, clerical and computer assistance to the commission; and
be it further

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29 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement; mileage. Resolved:** That the members of
the commission are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses or
30 legislative per diem except that members are entitled to
reimbursement for mileage upon application to the Executive
31 Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

2 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a
3 report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to
4 the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by November
1, 1995; and be it further

6 **Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved:** That the commission may seek
7 outside sources of funding; and be it further

8 **Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
9 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
10 this resolve.

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**Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger
18 and Food Security**

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This resolve establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission on
27 Hunger and Food Security to inquire into the experience of hunger
28 in this State and to develop a plan for relieving hunger and
ensuring food security. The commission is required to submit a
30 report to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by
November 1, 1995.

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This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
37 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.

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