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House of Representatives, December 18, 1997

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain State Park Property.

Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 1997. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WINSOR of Norway.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Preamble. Whereas, the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate designated and held by the State for conservation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House; and

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Whereas, the land authorized for transfer by this resolve is within the designations in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

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Whereas, The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation may sell and convey lands with the approval of the Governor in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 602, subsection 1; now, therefore, be it

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Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to convey park land. 'Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation may by deed convey 57 acres, more or less, of park land in the Town of Norway, County of Oxford to the Town of Norway to be used for public park and boat launching purposes.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve transfers certain property from the State to the Town of Norway. The property was purchased by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in 1973 and has been managed by the Town of Norway as a public park and boat launching area since acquisition by the State.

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By transferring the property to the town, any uncertainty as to the State's future intentions for the site would be removed thereby facilitating local fund raising and increasing support for local management.

3.8 4.0 The deed would require that the property be used exclusively for public park and boat launching purposes.