

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

Resolve, to Develop a Disaster Relief Food Assistance Program.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, DESMOND of Mapleton, DUGAY of Cherryfield,
MADORE of Augusta, SIROIS of Caribou, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of Eliot,
Senator: AMERO of Cumberland.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** it is necessary to be prepared to assist the
citizens of the State; and

8 **Whereas,** it is not possible to predict when the State will
experience a natural disaster or a state of emergency; and

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12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

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18 **Sec. 1. Maine Emergency Management Agency directed to develop
program to provide food and other assistance in an emergency. Resolved:**
That the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
20 Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency is directed to work
in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
22 Resources and other food agencies to develop a program that will
provide food and other assistance to citizens of the State for up
24 to 3 months in the event of a natural disaster or state of
emergency as declared by the Governor; and be it further

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28 **Sec. 2. Purchase of food. Resolved:** That the Department of
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency
30 Management Agency is directed to purchase and store, within 30
days of enactment of this resolve, rice, beans or other food
32 storable for at least one year sufficient to provide minimal
sustenance to the citizens of the State for up to 3 months in the
event of a natural disaster or state emergency as declared by the
34 Governor; and be it further

36 **Sec. 3. Rotation of food in storage. Resolved:** That the food
stored for the purposes of feeding citizens of the State as
38 described in sections 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the
Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine
40 Emergency Management Agency, either be replaced with a new supply
before perishable items become unsuitable for consumption or be
42 liquidated. The items to be replaced or liquidated must be sold
to the citizens of the State; and be it further

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46 **Sec. 4. Authorized to submit legislation. Resolved:** That the
Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine
Emergency Management Agency shall submit legislation during the
48 First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature to carry out the
purposes of sections 1 and 3; and be it further

