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**Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Explore the Creation
of a Department of Peace**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 SULLIVAN of York. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland and Senator: BOWMAN of York,
Representative: PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

3 **Whereas,** this resolve establishes the Commission to Explore the Creation of a
4 Department of Peace; and

5 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
6 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
7 legislative session; and

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

12 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Explore
13 the Creation of a Department of Peace, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is
14 established; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
16 6 members appointed as follows:

- 17 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 18 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House; and
- 20 3. Two members of the public, appointed by the Governor; and be it further

21 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
22 chair of the commission and the first-named House of Representatives member is the
23 House chair of the commission; and be it further

24 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
25 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
26 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
27 Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment
28 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission,
29 which must be no later than 60 days following the effective date of this resolve; and be it
30 further

31 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall explore the creation of a
32 Department of Peace, which will be concerned with global peace, security and justice in
33 order to improve the political climate locally and eventually at the national level by
34 establishing a federal Department of Peace; and be it further

35 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
36 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

