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Resolve, To Adopt Respectful Language in Programs Affecting Developmental Services

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

1 **Sec. 1. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall
 2 change the name of its programs serving people with mental retardation or autism to refer
 3 to developmental services programs. The department shall take steps to amend its rules,
 4 policies, guidelines, publications and forms to reflect this more respectful language as
 5 soon as practicable; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Resolved:** That, in implementing the name changes required in section 1,
 7 the department shall consult with and be guided by the report and recommendations of
 8 the working group convened by the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council in
 9 accordance with Resolve 2007, chapter 62; and be it further

10 **Sec. 3. Resolved:** That, in order to further implement the adoption of respectful
 11 language described in section 1 in state law affecting developmental services, the
 12 department may submit legislation for introduction to the First Regular Session of the
 13 124th Legislature.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to change the
 16 name of its programs for persons with mental retardation or autism to developmental
 17 services programs and to be guided by the working group convened by the Maine
 18 Developmental Disabilities Council pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 62 in making any
 19 changes to rules and other publications to reflect the change in terminology.