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House of Representatives, March 20, 2009

### Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Kinship Families

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAIN of Orono.  
Cosponsored by Senator ROSEN of Hancock and  
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, MILLER of Somerville,  
PRIEST of Brunswick, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, WEBSTER of  
Freeport.

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,** the Task Force on Kinship Families is created in this resolve in order to  
4 study issues facing kinship families; and

5           **Whereas,** the task force must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order  
6 that 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. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on Kinship  
13 Families, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it further

14           **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 13  
15 members appointed as follows:

16           1. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

17           A. Two Senators; and

18           B. One member representing a private nonprofit agency that provides services to  
19 kinship families and one member who is a state-licensed pediatrician;

20           2. Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

21           A. Five Representatives; and

22           B. One member who is currently providing primary care for a relative's child and one  
23 member representing the Probate Court; and

24           3. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's  
25 designee; and

26           4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee; and be it further

27           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate  
28 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task  
29 force; and be it further

30           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all  
31 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
32 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
33 Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment  
34 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force, which  
35 must be no later than August 1, 2009; and be it further

