

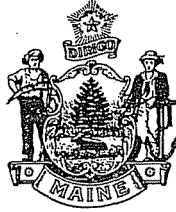
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H.P. 848

House of Representatives, March 26, 2009

**Resolve, To Direct Action on Health Disparities of the
Passamaquoddy Tribe and Washington County**

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, JOY of Crystal, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McLEOD
of Lee, PERRY of Calais, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, TILTON of Harrington.

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 legislation directs the development of an action plan to address the
4 health disparities found in Washington County and the Passamaquoddy Tribe; and

5 **Whereas,** work on the plan must begin before the 90-day period expires in order for
6 it to be completed in a timely fashion; and

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

11 **Sec. 1. Action plan on health disparities. Resolved:** That the Department of
12 Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, offices of
13 minority health and data, research and vital statistics and a Washington County health
14 organization shall work with the Passamaquoddy health directors to help reduce health
15 disparities between the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the State and the United States and
16 Washington County and the State and the United States and shall:

17 1. Develop an action plan to address the health disparities;

18 2. Develop recommendations for data collection methods to address the disparities
19 and for finding all data that has been processed; and

20 3. Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January
21 15, 2010 on:

22 A. The status of the health conditions and disparities;

23 B. The status of the recommendations for data collection and for finding all data that
24 has been processed;

25 C. The status of the action plan, which will address the health needs of the
26 Passamaquoddy Tribe and Washington County; and

27 D. Any recommended language necessary to implement this resolve and discussion
28 of what is necessary to fully implement the action plan.

29 After receiving the report the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
30 Services may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the
31 124th Legislature.

32 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
33 legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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2 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for
3 Disease Control and Prevention, offices of minority health and data, research and vital
4 statistics and a Washington County health organization to work with the Passamaquoddy
5 health directors to help reduce health disparities between the Passamaquoddy Tribe and
6 the State and the United States and Washington County and the State and the United
7 States. This work must include development of an action plan to address health disparities
8 found between Washington County and the State and the United States and the
9 Passamaquoddy Tribe and the State and the United States and the development of
10 recommendations for data collection methods to address the disparities. A report must be
11 submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15,
12 2010, and the committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second
13 Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.