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House of Representatives, March 31, 2009

**Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Panel To Address Disparities in
Economic Development between the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the
State and the United States**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CLEARY of Houlton, MITCHELL of the Penobscot
Nation, PERRY of Calais, PIOTTI of Unity, 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 establishes the Blue Ribbon Panel To Address Disparities
4 in Economic Development between the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the State and the
5 United States; and

6 **Whereas,** the panel must be established before the 90-day period expires in order
7 that the panel may complete its work and submit its report in time for the next legislative
8 session; and

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

13 **Sec. 1. Blue ribbon panel established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon Panel
14 To Address Disparities in Economic Development between the Passamaquoddy Tribe and
15 the State and the United States, referred to in this resolve as "the panel," is established;
16 and be it further

17 **Sec. 2. Panel membership. Resolved:** That the panel consists of the following
18 members:

- 19 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 20 2. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House;
- 22 3. The 2 economic development directors from the Passamaquoddy reservations;
- 23 4. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the
24 commissioner's designee;
- 25 5. The Director of the Eastern Maine Development Corporation or the director's
26 designee; and
- 27 6. A representative from the Sunrise County Economic Development Council,
28 designated by the council.

29 The United States Secretary of the Interior is invited to designate a representative to
30 serve as a voting member of the panel.

31 Each of the 4 Members of the Maine Congressional Delegation is invited to designate
32 a representative to serve as a voting member of the panel; and be it further

33 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
34 chair of the panel and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House
35 chair of the panel; and be it further

