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House of Representatives, February 7, 2017

An Act To Establish Maine Buy Local Month

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAMANN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South Portland,
FECTEAU of Biddeford, LAWRENCE of South Berwick, VACHON of Scarborough,
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-N** is enacted to read:

3 **§150-N. Maine Buy Local Month**

4 November is designated Maine Buy Local Month, and the Governor shall annually
5 issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month
6 through appropriate activities. The Department of Economic and Community
7 Development shall establish a year-round program to promote Maine Buy Local Month
8 by encouraging people to buy from local businesses and by increasing awareness of the
9 economic effect of buying from local businesses, especially the effect on small businesses
10 in the State.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill designates November as Maine Buy Local Month and directs the
13 Department of Economic and Community Development to encourage buying from local
14 businesses and to increase awareness of the economic effect of buying from local
15 businesses.