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House of Representatives, March 23, 2017

**Resolve, Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th  
Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine**

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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 HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, PIERCE of Falmouth, Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, ALLEY of Beals, CARDONE of Bangor, FULLER of Lewiston, HICKMAN of Winthrop, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery, SYLVESTER of Portland.

1           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule  
2 353, the Maine Bicentennial Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission,"  
3 is established; and be it further

4           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
5 22 members as follows:

6           **1. Appointments by President of the Senate.** Two members of the Senate,  
7 appointed by the President of the Senate;

8           **2. Appointments by Speaker of the House.** Two members of the House of  
9 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10           **3. Appointments by Commissioner of Education.** Two members representing  
11 prekindergarten to adult education and 2 members representing private postsecondary  
12 education, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

13           **4. Appointments by Chancellor of the University of Maine System.** Two  
14 members representing the University of Maine System, appointed by the Chancellor of  
15 the University of Maine System;

16           **5. Appointments by President of Maine Maritime Academy.** One member  
17 representing the Maine Maritime Academy, appointed by the President of the Maine  
18 Maritime Academy;

19           **6. Appointments by President of Maine Community College System.** One  
20 member representing the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President  
21 of the Maine Community College System;

22           **7. Appointments by Chief Justice.** One member representing the judiciary, active  
23 or retired, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;

24           **8. Appointments by Secretary of State.** One member representing the Office of  
25 the Secretary of State, appointed by the Secretary of State;

26           **9. Appointments by Maine Humanities Council.** Two members representing the  
27 Maine Humanities Council, appointed by the Maine Humanities Council;

28           **10. Appointments by Governor.** One member of the public, appointed by the  
29 Governor; and

30           **11. Ex officio members.** Five ex officio members as follows:

31           A. The President of the Senate;

32           B. The Speaker of the House;

33           C. The Maine State Archivist, or the Maine State Archivist's designee;

34           D. The State Historian, or the State Historian's designee; and

1 E. The Director of the Maine State Museum, or the director's designee; and be it  
2 further

3 **Sec. 3. Appointment terms. Resolved:** That the Legislators appointed to the  
4 commission serve terms coincident with their legislative terms and are appointed every 2  
5 years. Legislators may be reappointed to the commission and may continue to serve until  
6 their replacements are designated. Other appointed members are appointed for terms that  
7 expire December 31, 2020; a vacancy is filled in the same manner as the original  
8 appointment; and be it further

9 **Sec. 4. Appointments; chair; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
10 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
11 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
12 Council once all appointments have been completed. When appointment of all members  
13 is complete, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the  
14 first meeting of the commission no later than October 16, 2017. The commission shall  
15 select a chair from among its legislative members; and be it further

16 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall prepare and administer a  
17 comprehensive plan and program for the adequate observance and celebration on a  
18 statewide basis of the bicentennial anniversary of the formation of the State of Maine,  
19 coordinate the programs and activities of all public and private agencies and  
20 organizations in the State that are planned for the observation of the anniversary and  
21 engage in such other activities as the commission determines necessary and appropriate to  
22 carry out the purposes of this resolve; and be it further

23 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
24 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

25 **Sec. 7. Meetings. Resolved:** That the commission may hold up to 4 meetings a  
26 year, one of which must be a public hearing, and all meetings must be held during the  
27 interim between legislative sessions; and be it further

28 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 15th of each year until  
29 December 31, 2020, the commission shall submit a progress report that includes its  
30 findings and recommendations for presentation to the joint standing committee of the  
31 Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters; and be it further

32 **Sec. 9. Funding. Resolved:** That the commission may accept donations and  
33 contributions from any source to assist it in carrying out the purposes of this resolve.  
34 Funding received must be expended and accounted for in the same manner as funds  
35 appropriated to the commission by the Legislature. The commission shall keep a record  
36 of contributions received and disbursements made and publish that record on the State's  
37 publicly accessible website.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This resolve establishes the Maine Bicentennial Commission to prepare and administer a comprehensive plan and program for the adequate observance and celebration on a statewide basis of the bicentennial anniversary in 2020 of the formation of the State of Maine.

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