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Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOW of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, DILL of Penobscot.

- 1 **Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real 2 estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its 3 uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.
- 4 **Whereas**, certain real estate authorized for lease by this resolve is under the 5 designations in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and
- 6 **Whereas,** the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of 7 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease lands with the approval of the 8 Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1814; and

9 Whereas, the State of Maine owns the historically significant site known as the 10 Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site and the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, a Maine 11 nonprofit corporation, has a mission to preserve the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic 12 Site; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to lease the 13 14 Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site, consisting of historic site land, improvements, structures and historical collections, to the Friends of 15 16 Colonial Pemaquid. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease the historic 17 18 site land and related improvements, structures and historical collections known as the 19 Colonial Pemaguid State Historic Site in the Town of Bristol in Lincoln County to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid, a nonprofit corporation, to be used for historic 20 21 preservation and to be open to the public for recreation and education purposes. If the 22 director leases the site to the Friends of Colonial Pemaguid, the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid shall maintain the site in a clean, safe and attractive manner and continue to 23 24 offer historical programs for which the site is known in compliance with the Maine 25 Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 220 and associated bureau rules. The lease must 26 contain a reversion clause specifying that, if the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid does not 27 continue to use the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site for public education, historical 28 or cultural purposes, the site will revert to the bureau.

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the lease of certain property associated with the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site from the State to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid to be used for historic preservation and to be open to the public for recreation and education purposes. The lease agreement must require that the property and historical collections be used exclusively for historic preservation and public education purposes.

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