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Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps

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Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco. (GOVERNOR'S BILL) Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representative: NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

- **Sec. 1. Authority to convey state land. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State may transfer a certain parcel of land described in section 2 to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, subject to such terms and conditions described in sections 3 to 6.
- **Sec. 2. Description of land transferred. Resolved:** That the land authorized to be conveyed pursuant to this resolve is a parcel of land of approximately 1.08 acres located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, described in a deed recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds, Book 2679, Page 152.
- **Sec. 3.** Land subject to terms and conditions. Resolved: That the State may convey the parcel described in section 2 upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Environmental Protection considers appropriate and necessary to ensure access to the property transferred, compliance with encumbrances of record and inclusion of any new restrictions determined necessary by the Department of Environmental Protection or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Sec. 4.** Land to be transferred as is. Resolved: That the land described in section 2 must be transferred by release deed "as is" with no representations or warranties as to title, subject to any and all terms, conditions, encumbrances, restrictions and liens of record, including those described in section 3.
- **Sec. 5. Release of liability for historical contamination. Resolved:** That the Passamaquoddy Tribe's compliance with the terms, conditions, encumbrances and restrictions described in section 3 releases the Passamaquoddy Tribe of any state environmental contamination claims, including natural resource damage claims, that have or in the future may accrue to the State or its agencies as a result of the historic contamination of the land by parties other than the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
- **Sec. 6. Repeal. Resolved:** That sections 1 to 4 of this resolve are repealed 5 years from its effective date.

27 SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the State to convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe a 1.08-acre parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, which is a portion of a site known as the Eastern Surplus Company Superfund site.

The resolve allows the Passamaquoddy Tribe to take ownership of the parcel of land without assuming liability for historical contamination that the tribe did not cause and permits continued access to the land by the State and the United States to address remaining and future contamination at this or nearby lands.