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**Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands
to Make Certain Land Transactions in Aroostook and Somerset
Counties**

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to convey certain land in Westmanland, Aroostook County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may convey, by quitclaim deed with a reverter clause, and at no cost, on other terms and conditions as the director may direct, the State's interest in approximately 7 acres of public reserved land to the Town of Westmanland. The 7 acres represent the section of the Little Madawaska Lake Road that is currently designated as public reserved lands under the bureau. The purpose of the conveyance is to enable the town to improve and maintain this section of road by which several town property taxpayers access their property. The cost of the bureau's attorney's fees, as well as the cost of a survey of the property boundaries, must be paid by the town, and the recording costs may not be paid by the bureau.

Sec. 2. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to sell certain land in Seboomook Township, Somerset County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell to the owners of 51 Sebey Lane in Big W Township, and no other party, approximately 0.25 acres of public reserved land. The 0.25 acres represent the land under an existing septic system that serves 51 Sebey Lane and was installed prior to state ownership of the land. The buyer must pay all transaction costs, including survey, legal and recording costs for the transaction. The director may negotiate a price for the land or, if needed, obtain an appraisal that must be paid by the buyer.

Sec. 3. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to exchange certain land in Presque Isle, Aroostook County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may engage in a minor land exchange of less than 0.25 acres with Towers North, Inc. in the City of Presque Isle. The land swap will rectify a recently identified boundary issue in which a communication tower occupies a very small portion of state land. Towers North, Inc. must pay all transaction costs, including legal and recording costs for the transaction.

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to implement land transactions. The bureau is authorized to convey approximately 7 acres under an existing road in the Town of Westmanland to the town. The bureau is also authorized to sell approximately 0.25 acres

- 1 of land in Seboomook Township and to exchange less than 0.25 acres in the City of Presque
- 2 Isle to resolve a long-standing encroachment on the state land.