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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Relating to Certain Equipment Issued to Officers of Maine State Guard.**

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Whereas, when the Maine National Guard by order of the President of the United States was inducted into federal service as part of the Armed Forces of the country, the state of Maine was left without any defensive force; and

Whereas, by act of Congress in 1940 and by act of the Maine legislature in 1941, authority was granted to raise a Maine State Guard; and

Whereas, as a result of this legislative action and the efforts of the adjutant general, the Maine State Guard was formally organized and equipped by the state; and

Whereas, the federal government through Army Regulations 850-250 liberalized its policy and authorized the War Department to issue certain articles of equipment to the Maine State Guard; and

Whereas, this equipment was issued to the state and subsequently to the commanders of the various Maine State Guard organizations who became personally responsible for its care and preservation; and

Whereas, the officers of the Maine State Guard served long and faithfully, some of them for over 5 years, without compensation and at great sacrifice of their time, money and in some cases their health; and

Whereas, in the course of 5 years because of rapid turnover of personnel, the type of training an average percentage of this military property became worn out by hard usage or became lost or damaged; now, therefore, be it

**Officers of Maine State Guard; relieved of certain responsibility. Resolved:** That all officers of the Maine State Guard who have been responsible for certain articles of uniforms and equipment issued to them for military purposes during World War II by the adjutant general's department be relieved of this responsibility and any monetary liability attached thereto.