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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, to Reimburse the City of Portland for Support of Joseph A. and Madelon E. Glidden.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

City of Portland; reimbursed. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$1.388.61 to be paid to the City of Portland to reimburse said City of Portland for money expended for the support of Joseph A. Glidden, Madelon E. Glidden and their minor child, David J. Glidden.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On December 23, 1954 Joseph A. Glidden and his wife, Madelon E. Glidden, fell into distress in the City of Portland and were furnished relief by the overseers of the poor of the City of Portland as required by law. At the time of furnishing of such relief, the overseers of the poor of the City of Portland were informed and believed that the parents of the said Joseph A. Glidden were divorced in 1943 and that Joseph A. Glidden was given into the custody of his mother. Since his mother had lived in Portland from 1943 until her death in 1952, she had a settlement in the City of Portland. Since the said Joseph A. Glidden would follow the settlement of the parent into whose custody he had been given, the City of Portland accepted Joseph A. Glidden as having a derivative settlement from his mother in the City of Portland when he became of age

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in 1953. On this basis the City of Portland furnished relief to the said Joseph A. Glidden and his family in 1955, 1956 and 1957. In 1957, Madelon E. Glidden secured a divorce from the said Joseph A. Glidden and custody of the minor child born during their marriage. In 1958 Madelon E. Glidden began to receive ADC for such minor child, and the City of Portland paid its share of said ADC grant on the basis of the believed settlement of the said Joseph A. Glidden in the City of Portland, whose settlement Madelon E. Glidden and their minor child would follow. In January, 1959 the City of Portland received a pauper notice from the Town of Pittsfield, Maine on the said Joseph A. Glidden and his second wife and minor child. In investigating the present settlement of the said Joseph A. Glidden, the City of Portland learned for the first time that the information that the said Joseph A. Glidden was given into the custody of his mother following the divorce of his parents in 1943 was erroneous and that no such custody proceedings were ever completed. A new investigation revealed that the said Joseph A. Glidden became of age on January 31, 1953 with a nonsettled status derived from his father, Joseph W. Glidden, rather than with a Portland settlement derived from his mother as first believed by the overseers of the poor of the City of Portland. The State Department of Health and Welfare has now accepted Joseph A. Glidden as a non-settled case based on the fact that his father, Joseph W. Glidden, died in the Bangor State Hospital in 1948 with a non-settled status, and that the said Joseph A. Glidden would follow the settlement of his father in the absence of custody to his mother. The State Department of Health and Welfare does not have funds in its current budget to pay this amount and has advised the City of Portland to file a resolve with the Ninety-ninth Legislature requesting that payment be made to the City of Portland in the amount of \$1,388.61 expended by said City of Portland for the support of the said Joseph A. Glidden, his wife, Madelon E. Glidden, and their minor child, David I. Glidden.