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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, Authorizing Flora Burrill Tibbetts to Bring Suit at Law  
Against the State of Maine.**

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**Flora Burrill Tibbetts; authorized to sue the State of Maine. Resolved:** That Flora Burrill Tibbetts of Greene, County of Androscoggin, and State of Maine, who claims to have suffered damage by reason of her alleged illegal commitment and confinement to the Pownal State School, now known as the Pineland Hospital and Training Center, be and hereby is authorized to bring suit at law for such claimed damage in the Superior Court for the County of Androscoggin within one year from the first day of August, 1959, at any term thereof against the State of Maine. And the writ issuing out of said Superior Court under the authority of this resolve shall be served on the Secretary of State by attested copy 30 days before the return day thereof by the sheriff or either of his deputies in any county of the State of Maine; and the conduct of said suit shall be according to the practice of suits and proceedings between parties and suitors in said Superior Court, and the liabilities of the parties and elements of damage, if any, shall be the same as the liabilities and elements of damage between individuals; and the Attorney General is hereby authorized and designated to appear, answer and defend said suit. Any judgment that may be recovered in such suit at law shall be payable from the Treasury of the State of Maine on final process issued by said Superior Court or, if appealed, the Supreme Judicial Court, and costs may be taxed for the said Flora Burrill Tibbetts if she recovers in said suit. Any recovery in said suit shall not be in excess of \$5,000, including costs. Hearing thereon shall be before 3 Justices of the Superior Court, without a jury, said justices to be assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.