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STATE OF MAINE

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**SELECTED
JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO 11 MOON LANDING

Whereas, it is highly appropriate for us at this time to commemorate the phenomenal achievements of our space program as exemplified in this year's celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Acknowledged as one of the greatest achievements of recorded history, the Apollo 11 Moon Landing was a feat of monumental proportions that displayed the very best of America's scientific genius and captured the imagination of thousands upon thousands of the earth's inhabitants; and

Whereas, the Apollo 11 Moon Landing dramatically played out a scenario that was fictionalized in science fiction, envisioned by countless farsighted scientists and conceived by the most brilliant minds in America's space program. On Sunday, July 20, 1969, the Apollo 11 Flight Commander, civilian test pilot Neil A. Armstrong, became the first man to set foot upon the moon and spoke the immortal words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind;"

Whereas, the three representatives of humanity who made this historic venture included Commander Armstrong and Air Force Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., on the moon and Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Michael Collins, who commanded the Service Module that orbited the moon for thirty-one revolutions. In landing on the moon and returning safely home, these three men proved for all time the reality of lunar landings for humanity and opened the way for further documentation of the vast sea of knowledge that exists between our world and whatever unknown vistas there are beyond our current comprehension; and

Whereas, in achieving this great plateau in our knowledge of space exploration, the Apollo 11 landing on the moon remains a hallmark of incredible dimensions for the future of the world as we know it today. Whatever the future may hold, whatever worlds may exist beyond our own, the Apollo 11 Moon Landing points like a beacon to the future of our entire civilization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the Members of the 109th Legislature on behalf of the People of Maine and our nation of states take this opportunity to celebrate the anniversary of this event and honor the visionary individuals who made it a reality; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Joint Resolution be prepared and transmitted forthwith to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and to Commander Neil A. Armstrong, Colonel Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Collins.

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
Sent Down for Concurrence

June 6, 1979

MAY M. ROSS,
Secretary

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

June 13, 1979

In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine

JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION IN MAINE

Whereas, the conflicting reports in the media regarding the events which took place at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant and the honest disagreement among experts as to the amount of radiation that may be harmful, have created concerns in the minds of a large segment of the public regarding the safety of nuclear generating facilities and the relative dangers of living in close proximity to them; and

Whereas, the technology involved in the production of nuclear power is making it difficult for citizens to make evaluations regarding their own safety and that of their children; and

Whereas, these factors have contributed to an erosion of public confidence in the safety of nuclear power generation as well as in State and Federal Government programs to monitor and determine safe levels of radioactive emissions; and

Whereas, a high level of public confidence is essential to the efficient operation of both public utilities and various levels of government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Bureau of Health Engineering in cooperation with the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness be urgently requested to prepare and disseminate a publication to be available on request, that explains in layman's language what are considered to be safe levels of radioactive emissions from the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant, what emissions have historically been, how the State and Federal Government monitor and regulate these emissions, and what the relative probabilities of risk of harm from this source are along with other significant and comparative data on natural and man-made radiation hazards; and be it further

Resolved: That in order for the State of Maine to be capable of monitoring radioactive emissions in whatever locations might be indicated by public concern and that these bureaus are further requested to study the adoption of whatever procedures or purchases of equipment are necessary to maintain the highest degree of public safety in this regard and in so doing to call upon the resources and expertise of other governmental agencies; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution be sent forthwith to the Bureau of Health Engineering and the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

Sent Down for Concurrence

June 4, 1979

MAY M. ROSS,
Secretary

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

June 5, 1979

In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING EMPLOYERS TO GRANT A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM EMPLOYMENT TO ANY EMPLOYEE ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATURE

Whereas, the public interest will be served by encouraging citizens from all walks of life and from all economic circumstances to serve in the State Legislature; and

Whereas, employers within the State can help in that effort by adopting employment practices which will permit employees to serve in the State Legislature without loss of employment or other severe economic loss; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the 109th Legislature, respectfully request employers in the State to grant, with or without pay at the employer's discretion, a leave of absence from employment to any employee elected to the Legislature, with the assurance that, upon completion of the term in office, the employee will be reinstated to the previous position or one of similar pay, seniority and benefits if such position is reasonably available, and that neither the employer nor the employee-legislator shall be deemed in conflict of interest solely on account of this employment relationship; and be it further

Resolved: That duly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the Chambers of Commerce throughout the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

June 8, 1979

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

Attest Ed Pert
Clerk of the House

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
in Concurrence

June 13, 1979

MAY M. ROSS,
Secretary

Attest May M. Ross
Secretary of the Senate