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J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
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RESOLVES
OF THE
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AS PASSED AT THE
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1993

Amount to be raised by taxation \$4,186,271

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 2, 1993.

CHAPTER 22

H.P. 927 - L.D. 1250

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Health to Study the Problem of Violence among Children, Teens and Young Adults

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, injuries are the 5th leading cause of death in Maine and the leading cause of death for residents under 35 years of age; and

Whereas, suicide and homicide represent about 1/3 of total injury deaths; and

Whereas, during 1989 and 1990 in Maine, male assaults on females accounted for 75% of the total number of assaults and another 6% were assaults on children by parents; and

Whereas, during 1989, of 2,257 children who were substantiated victims of abuse, 48 had major physical injuries and 541 had minor physical injuries; and

Whereas, it is known that children growing up in violent families may exhibit aggressive, disruptive behavior with siblings and schoolmates, delinquency and violence; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study to identify extent of violence among children. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health shall study available data to identify the extent of the problem of violence among children, teens and young adults in the State. The Division of Maternal and Child Health shall collaborate with the Department of Corrections, the Office of Substance Abuse and the Bureau of Children with Special Needs in conducting this study. In addition to identifying the problem, the study must assess the need for further steps,

including any legislation necessary, and make recommendations that would reduce the incidence and impact of violence among those at highest risk in a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by November 1, 1993.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 7, 1993.

CHAPTER 23

H.P. 1111 - L.D. 1507

Resolve, to Expand the Scope of the Maine Committee for Global Education

Sec. 1. Resolve 1991, c. 34, §1, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1991, chapter 34, section 1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Maine Committee for Global Education. Resolved: That the Maine Committee for Global Education is established to promote and support school-based model programs in all regions of the State and a life-long learning process in conjunction with schools, businesses and civic organizations; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Resolve 1991, c. 34, §2, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1991, c. 34, §2, as amended by P&SL 1991, c. 84, §1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the Maine Committee for Global Education consists of 17 18 members appointed as follows:

; and be it further

Sec. 3. Resolve 1991, c. 34, §2, sub-§§11 and 12, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1991, c. 34, §2, sub-§§11 and 12, as amended by P&SL 1991, c. 84, §2, are further amended to read:

11. Two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education; ~~and~~

12. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development; and

; and be it further

Sec. 4. Resolve 1991, c. 34, §2, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1991, chapter 34, section 2, subsection 13 is enacted to read:

13. The Executive Director of the Maine Geographic Alliance.

; and be it further

Sec. 5. Resolve 1991, c. 34, §3, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1991, chapter 34, section 3, subsection 2 is amended to read:

2. Create regional committees of teachers, business and labor leaders, higher education representatives and private citizens to assist ~~teachers~~ in the development of global and economic education in ~~school programs~~ schools, businesses and curricula civic organizations;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 24

S.P. 433 - L.D. 1343

Resolve, to Clear Title to Land Owned by James Mercier in Unity, Maine

Authority to convey. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands shall convey to James Mercier the State's interest in a certain parcel of land in Unity. The parcel of land is described as follows:

All the land described in a quitclaim deed from the Town of Unity to James Mercier, dated November 13, 1985 and recorded in the Waldo County Registry of Deeds in Book 875, Page 189.

The State's interest must be conveyed for the amount of \$250 to cover the costs associated with transfer of title. Transfer documents must be prepared by James Mercier for review and approval by the Bureau of Public Lands.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 25

H.P. 1049 - L.D. 1401

Resolve, to Create the Healthy Start Task Force

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the number of reported child abuse and neglect cases has increased in the State over the past

several years, while the capacity of the Department of Human Services to respond to referrals has not increased; and

Whereas, the Healthy Start program has been proven in pilot states to be an effective and cost-effective measure for prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, there are a number of programs similar to Healthy Start that have been adopted in other states that are now providing valid data; and

Whereas, there may be federal funding available for prevention programs like Healthy Start in the near future; and

Whereas, it is essential to complete the foundation research and development necessary to quickly bring this effective prevention program into existence in this State, and quickly bring the plan to the Legislature so that an effective program can be implemented at the earliest possible time; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Task force created and charged. Resolved: That there is created the Healthy Start Task Force, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," which is directed to formulate a plan for implementation of a model Healthy Start home visitation program. The task force shall produce a detailed implementation plan for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by November 1, 1993. The task force plan and report must contain findings, recommendations and any necessary implementing legislation; and be it further

Sec. 2. Contents of plan and report. Resolved: That the task force shall consider recommendations contained in the report by the Department of Human Services' oversight committee and Healthy Start programs operating in other states and shall identify optimal use of existing state resources in formulating its plan. The task force is directed, as part of its investigation of existing resources, to inventory state and local entities presently providing elements of Healthy Start-type services to families and shall evaluate how these resources could be included in a state Healthy Start implementation plan. The implementation plan must include a budget that identifies the allocation of new funds separately from funds redirected from other state departments or divisions. The plan must include projected long-term cost savings as well as budget projections for 3 years from the date of implementation; and be it further