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**STATE OF MAINE**

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
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**RESOLVES**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
**AS PASSED AT THE**  
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**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

**Sec. 3. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 14 members as follows:

1. The Governor or the Governor's designee;
2. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
3. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
4. The Director of the Office of Substance Abuse or the director's designee;
5. One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate;
6. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
7. One public member who was a victim of abuse or neglect as a child, appointed by the Governor;
8. One public member who is a parent who formerly abused or neglected one or more of that member's children and who has received treatment or advice from an organization that provides child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services, appointed by the Governor; and
9. Six public members appointed on the basis of expertise, experience and interest in the prevention of child abuse and neglect or expertise and experience in intervention in cases of child abuse and neglect. Of these 6 public members, 2 members must be appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member must be appointed by the Senate Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and one member must be appointed by the House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Appointment; notification. Resolved:** That all appointments to the task force must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once selections have been made; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Convening of task force; selection of chair. Resolved:** That when appointment of all task force members is complete, the chairs of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the task force no later than 15 days following the completion of appointments. The task force shall select a member as its chair; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Assistance. Resolved:** That the task force shall request staff assistance from the Legislative

Council and the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall provide office space and administrative support, including technical assistance, to the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the public members of the task force are entitled to reimbursement for expenses upon application to the Commissioner of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall absorb the costs associated with the task force within existing resources; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Grants. Resolved:** That the task force may accept grants and in-kind assistance to assist in funding the work of the task force. Any such assistance accepted must be included in the final report of the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit its report, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature no later than November 1, 1993; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Termination of task force. Resolved:** That the task force ends upon the submission of the task force plan and report.

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

Effective June 9, 1993.

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## CHAPTER 26

H.P. 877 - L.D. 1191

### Resolve, Creating the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission

**Sec. 1. Commission created. Resolved:** That there is created the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," for the observance and celebration of the 175th anniversary of the formation of the State; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership; chair. Resolved:** That the commission must consist of the following 23 members:

1. The President of the Senate or a designee; the Speaker of the House of Representatives or a designee; the State Archivist or a designee; the Director of the Maine State Museum or a designee; the State Librarian or a designee; the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or a designee; and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission or a designee, all of whom serve ex officio; and