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Resolve, Establishing the Conference To Address and Improve Relations between Maine Indian Tribes and the Legislature

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford. Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, MARTIN of Greene, MOONEN of Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senator: DOW of Lincoln.

Sec. 1. Conference established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 1 2 353, the Conference To Address and Improve Relations between Maine Indian Tribes and the Legislature, referred to in this resolve as "the conference," is established. The 3 conference consists of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Senate 4 Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader, who shall invite the participation of, as 5 members of the conference, the Chief of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Chief of 6 the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Chief of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the 7 Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township and the Chief of the 8 Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point. The President of the Senate is the Senate chair 9 and the Speaker of the House is the House chair of the conference. The conference is 10 established to develop meaningful conversations among the ex officio and invited 11 12 members of the conference on communication and policy differences that led to the breakdown between the Legislature and the tribal representatives to the Legislature and 13 how better to communicate and improve the relationship between the Legislature and 14 15 Maine Indian tribes.

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Conference To Address and Improve Relations between 17 Maine Indian Tribes and the Legislature to develop meaningful conversations among the 18 19 members of the conference on communication and policy differences that led to the breakdown between the Legislature and the tribal representatives to the Legislature and 20 21 how better to communicate and improve the relationship between the Legislature and Maine Indian tribes. Ex officio members of the conference are the President of the 22 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority 23 Leader, who are directed to invite as members of the conference the Chief of the 24 25 Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Chief of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian 26 Township and the Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point. 27

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