

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL  
OF PITTSFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pittsfield was originally incorporated as Warsaw, Massachusetts in 1819 and was renamed Pittsfield in 1824 in honor of William Pitts of Boston, a large landowner in the town; and

**WHEREAS**, early settlers made their money as farmers, blacksmiths and sawmill workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine Central Institute was established in 1866 by the Reverend Oren B. Cheney and the Reverend Ebenezer Knowlton and continues to serve as the local school for area students as well as boarding students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1855 a railroad came to town, playing a significant role in the growth of the town; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1869 one of the State's earliest woolen mills was established in Pittsfield, and later woodworking and canning factories were established, providing jobs to local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1895 water service was established through the creation of Pittsfield Water Works, and in 1900 electric power was brought to the region through the formation of the Pittsfield Electric Light and Power Company; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Works Administration assisted the town as part of the New Deal by providing \$25,000 to construct an airport that was used by the United States Navy for training from 1943 through the end of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 1930s Cianbro, a bridge-building firm, opened in Pittsfield and continues to be a well-respected construction company, managing projects as far away as Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Peltoma Acres, a housing development for workers, was built in 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, Seabasticook Valley Hospital was built on Grove Hill in the 1960s and continues to provide health care services to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Interstate 95 was constructed in 1964, making Pittsfield a prime location for rest stops between southern and northern Maine, and a motel, restaurant, gas station, shopping center and large park remain in existence today for the use of residents and people passing through; and

**WHEREAS**, Pittsfield is home to the Central Maine Egg Festival, which is celebrating its 47th year; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Town of Pittsfield; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Pittsfield Town Office.