

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CENSURE OF
REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL H. LEMELIN OF CHELSEA BY
THE MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2024, Representative Michael H. Lemelin of Chelsea, having been repeatedly warned by the Chair that his actions and speech were in danger of violating the decorum of the House, and the Representative chose to continue in an egregious violation of the decorum of the House; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House is empowered, pursuant to Section 201, subsection 1, paragraph D of the House Rules, to "enforce the observance of order and decorum"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 561, subsection 1 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, which states, "A legislative body has the right to regulate the conduct of its members and may discipline a member as it deems appropriate, including reprimand, censure or expulsion," the House is the judge of its own membership; and

WHEREAS, the House finds the conduct of Representative Michael H. Lemelin to be reprehensible; and

WHEREAS, the House finds that Representative Michael H. Lemelin has conducted himself in a manner incompatible with his duty and responsibilities as a Member of this House and the public trust and high standards incumbent in that office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to declare that Representative Michael H. Lemelin should be and hereby is censured by the House of Representatives for just cause; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Representative Michael H. Lemelin must accept full responsibility for the incident and publicly apologize to the House and to the people of the State of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Representative Michael H. Lemelin must comport himself in a manner that pursues the highest standards of legislative conduct; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution must be entered on the Journal of the House of Representatives.