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Resolve, To Reduce Stigma Regarding Substance Use Disorder by Requiring the Use of Respectful Language in the MaineCare Benefits Manual and Other Department of Health and Human Services Publications

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Presented by Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of
Eliot, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington.

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services publication review. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review the MaineCare Benefits Manual and other department publications and replace references to "substance abuse" with "substance use disorder" and shall ensure that language relating to persons with substance use disorder is consistent with respectful, "person first" language.

6 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review the MaineCare Benefits Manual and other department publications and replace references to "substance abuse" with "substance use disorder" and to ensure that language relating to persons with substance use disorder is consistent with respectful, "person first" language.