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## **Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Centennial of the United States Navy Reserve**

**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 federal Naval Appropriations Act of 1916, dated March 3, 1915, established a United States Naval Reserve, and March 3, 2015 marks the centennial celebration of what is now called the United States Navy Reserve; and

**Whereas,** this legislation honors and recognizes this important anniversary and the men and women who serve and have served in the United States Navy Reserve; and

**Whereas,** the anniversary date of the United States Navy Reserve is prior to the effective date of nonemergency legislation; 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 Navy Reserve centennial plate. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 454, the Secretary of State shall issue, at no cost to the Secretary of State, a reflectorized, commemorative, simulated registration plate in recognition and celebration of the centennial of the United States Navy Reserve on March 3, 2015. The Secretary of State shall design the plate in consultation with the United States Navy Reserve, and the plate must bear the date of its expiration, which is March 3, 2016. The United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate may be displayed by covering, but not removing, the front registration plate on a motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle registered outside this State and operated within it, until March 3, 2016. A truck tractor as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 90 may not display the plate under this section; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Administrative fee; distribution. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall develop a plan for the sale and distribution of the United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate under section 1. The fee for the United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate is \$15, which must be distributed as follows:

1. Five dollars per plate to the Secretary of State for the costs associated with production and issuance of the plates; and
2. Ten dollars per plate to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 158; and be it further

**Sec. 3 Other uses prohibited. Resolved:** That a United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate may not be sold or displayed except as provided in this resolve; and be it further

**Sec. 4 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for materials to manufacture 1,800 special commemorative license plates celebrating the United States Navy Reserve centennial.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
All Other	\$4,000
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$4,000

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates a special commemorative, simulated motor vehicle registration plate in celebration of the centennial of the United States Navy Reserve, which takes place March 3, 2015. The Secretary of State is directed to design and issue the plate, which may be displayed until March 3, 2016 covering the front registration plate. Revenue generated by the sale of the plate in excess of the cost of production and issuance will be given to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.