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Resolve, To Create the Task Force on Disaster Resiliency

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, CAMPBELL of Newfield,
CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOLEY of Wells, HAWKE of Boothbay Harbor, HIGGINS of
Dover-Foxcroft, MAREAN of Hollis, TUELL of East Machias.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this resolve establishes the Task Force on Disaster Resiliency to
4 investigate and strengthen the State's disaster response to extreme weather and sea level
5 rise events; and

6 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
7 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
8 legislative session; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
14 353, the Task Force on Disaster Resiliency, referred to in this resolve as "the task force,"
15 is established; and be it further

16 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 14
17 members appointed as follows:

18 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including
19 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

20 2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats
22 in the Legislature;

23 3. Three members with expertise in disaster response appointed by the President of
24 the Senate;

25 4. Three members with expertise in extreme weather and sea level rise events
26 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

27 5. One member representing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
28 Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency;

29 6. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;
30 and

31 7. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the
32 commissioner's designee; and be it further

33 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
34 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task
35 force; and be it further

