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Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HOBBS of Wells, MATLACK of St. George, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, GROHOSKI of Hancock.

1 **Sec. 1. Secretary of State to study appropriate use for former state flag.**
2 **Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall study protocols and traditions used in this
3 jurisdiction and the use of alternative flags in other jurisdictions for the appropriate use,
4 including particular occasions and facilities, of the former state flag that was in use prior
5 to 1909, in conjunction with or in place of the state flag under the Maine Revised Statutes,
6 Title 1, section 206.

7 **Sec. 2. Design of flag. Resolved:** That the design of the former state flag under
8 section 1 must be buff, charged with the emblem of the State, a pine tree proper, in the
9 center, and the North Star, a mullet of 5 points, in blue in the upper corner; the star to be
10 equidistant from the hoist and the upper border of the flag, the distance from the 2 borders
11 to the center of the star being equal to about 1/4 of the hoist, this distance and the size of
12 the star being proportionate to the size of the flag.

13 **Sec. 3. Rules. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall adopt rules for the
14 appropriate use of the former state flag that was in use prior to 1909 based upon the study
15 in section 1. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in
16 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

17 SUMMARY

18 This resolve directs the Secretary of State to study the appropriate use for the former
19 state flag, flown prior to 1909, on certain occasions and at certain facilities in conjunction
20 with or in place of the state flag and to adopt routine technical rules to implement the
21 findings of the study.