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**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Siting and
Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAIG of Brewer,
DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GATTINE of Westbrook, MALABY of Hancock, McELWEE of
Caribou, PICKETT of Dixfield.

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,** the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment
4 Facility in Northern Maine is established in this legislation to study siting and building a
5 drug treatment facility in northern Maine; 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. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
14 the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine, referred to in
15 this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

16 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
17 13 members appointed as follows:

18 1. Three 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. Four 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. The Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center or the superintendent's
24 designee;

25 4. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

26 5. The director of a psychiatric hospital in the State appointed by the President of the
27 Senate;

28 6. A representative of a drug treatment services provider appointed by the President
29 of the Senate; and

30 7. Two members of the public residing in northern Maine, including a person who is
31 in treatment for drug use, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

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

