

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STATE OF MAINE'S  
SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES CONCERNING THE  
TRAGEDY AT LAC-MEGANTIC, QUEBEC**

**WHEREAS**, in the early morning of July 6, 2013, a driverless runaway train carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in Lac-Megantic, a small town in Quebec 10 miles west of the Maine border; and

**WHEREAS**, 5 locomotives and 72 oil cars had been parked 8 miles from Lac-Megantic when the brakes somehow released and the train rolled down a hill into the center of town, exploding into a giant fireball and flattening dozens of buildings, leaving many people dead or missing and forcing the evacuation of 2,000 townspeople; and

**WHEREAS**, the Border Patrol and United States Customs called for assistance from the Franklin County emergency management system, and firefighters from Maine immediately travelled to assist in fighting the blazing fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the train was operated by the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway, based in Hermon, Maine, and the accident is being investigated by Canada's Transportation Safety Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine and Quebec have long had common and close historical, cultural and friendly ties, and this tragedy in Lac-Megantic saddens and shocks the citizens of Maine; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, join the people of Lac-Megantic and Canada in the sorrow and anguish of this tragedy, and we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to all the people of the community.