

STATE OF MAINE

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GUILFORD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilford is situated in the southwestern part of Piscataquis County and was one of the 4 townships conveyed to Bowdoin College on the north shore of the Piscataquis River by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, in 1804, Elder Robert Low, Deacon Robert Herring and Michael Webber of New Gloucester purchased several tracts of land from Bowdoin College to make into lots, and Bowdoin College sold single lots to settlers; and

WHEREAS, the eldest sons of Low and Herring, with axes, hope and the spirit of cooperation, opened the first clearing that summer just west of the spot where Low's Bridge would soon stand, as its successor stands today; and

WHEREAS, in 1805, Low and Herring planted the first crop and built the first cabins to make ready the homes in which their families would settle the next year; and

WHEREAS, by the end of the decade, with 10 families in residence and a sawmill erected, a town meeting was held and self-government begun and in 1812, the settlement of Lowstown was organized as Plantation 6, Range 7; and

WHEREAS, in 1816, the settlers petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts to be incorporated and on February 8, 1816, the Town of Guilford was incorporated by an Act of the General Court; and

WHEREAS, 2016 is the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Guilford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, express our congratulations and best wishes to the good citizens of our 215th town; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Town of Guilford.