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LD 78

Testimony in Support of LD 78 “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations”

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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and honorable members of the Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Adrienne Horne, I am a resident of Appleton, and I am sharing my testimony in support of LD 78. The sections of Article X that were removed from print in 1876 are still valid and applicable to our Maine Constitution today and should be visible to anyone who reads a copy, regardless of whether that copy is in print or online.

As a Maine resident for most of my life, I am only now beginning to learn about the shared history of my settler relatives and Wabanaki Tribes. While it has become easier to learn about some of my ancestral truths online, it's still difficult to find many historic truths and move forward with our future especially when the basic foundation of Maine's Indian treaty obligations are obscured from view and not able to be printed. LD 78 would require Section 5 of Article X to be included in all printed copies of the constitution. Ensuring that the true language of the Maine Constitution is visible in all forms is a move towards truer representation of our history.

Thank you for the work you have done and are doing for our judicial system. I ask you to please join me in support of LD 78 “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Publication of Maine Indian Treaty Obligations” to ensure our printed copies of the Maine Constitution accurately portray all valid and applicable obligations.

Sincerely,
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