

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

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Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in Penobscot County

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands may sell, lease or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands holds a common and undivided interest in 2 adjacent sections totaling an approximately 2,043-acre parcel of land in T. 4, R. 8 in Penobscot County, which constitutes approximately 1,624 acres of state ownership, a majority of both sections; and

Whereas, due to lack of good public access in T. 4, R. 8, it will benefit the people of Maine to sell interest in the parcel for cash to purchase alternative lands within Penobscot County that can be managed for public benefits such as recreational access, wildlife habitat and sustainable timber harvest; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands requests legislative approval to negotiate the sale of lands in a timely fashion; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey interest in certain land in T. 4, R. 8 in Penobscot County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may, by quitclaim deed without covenant, convey in accordance with this section interest in a parcel of land totaling approximately 2,043 acres based on shares held in common and undivided interest in T. 4, R. 8 in Penobscot County, the total being held in 2 sections, with the first constituting an approximate amount of 1,868 acres based on an approximate 79% share and the 2nd based on an approximate 85% share of an

approximate 175-acre parcel, together with all appurtenant rights and easements located on that property. The director may partition the parcels prior to conveyance. The director may convey interest in the parcels for appraised fair market value as determined by an independent assessment of the timber and other values to any holder of common and undivided interest in either section of land or to a 3rd-party intermediary that is required to immediately convey the property to Baxter State Park. The director may convey interest in the parcels to Baxter State Park for an amount determined by the director and the park to be in the public interest.