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**Resolve, To Facilitate the Distribution of Food Harvested or
Processed in Maine to Residents with Food Insecurity**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2015. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and
Senators: EDGECOMB of Aroostook, HASKELL of Cumberland, MASON of Androscoggin,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, Speaker EVES of North
Berwick, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

1 **Sec. 1. Finance Authority of Maine to select entity to provide food**
2 **harvested in the State to residents with food insecurity and to administer**
3 **funds. Resolved:** That the Finance Authority of Maine, through the request for
4 proposal process, shall select and contract with an appropriate statewide entity to
5 purchase, process, store and transport agricultural products and seafood harvested in the
6 State in order to provide access to those agricultural products and seafood to residents of
7 the State with food insecurity. The entity selected must be qualified in the safe handling
8 of food products. The authority shall administer the funds allocated for the purposes
9 stated in this section and may retain a portion of those funds for the reasonable costs of
10 administering this section; and be it further

11 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Finance Authority of Maine, as a condition
12 of the award of the contract pursuant to section 1, shall require the entity selected to
13 submit a report by December 1st annually to the joint standing committee of the
14 Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters. The
15 report must contain information regarding the entity's progress on meeting the purposes
16 of section 1 and the efforts needed, if any, to achieve the purpose of providing food
17 harvested in the State to residents with food insecurity; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
19 appropriations and allocations are made.

20 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

21 **Maine Harvested Food Products for Residents with Food Insecurity N222**

22 Initiative: Allocates funds to provide agricultural products and seafood harvested in the
23 State to residents of the State with food insecurity.

24	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2015-16	2016-17
25	All Other	\$0	\$3,000,000
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27	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$3,000,000

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This resolve requires the Finance Authority of Maine, through a request for proposal
30 process, to select and contract with a statewide entity to purchase, process, store and
31 transport agricultural products and seafood harvested in the State in order to provide
32 access to those agricultural products and seafood to residents of the State with food
33 insecurity. The resolve requires an annual report regarding the progress of the entity
34 selected and the efforts needed to achieve the purpose of providing food to residents of
35 the State with food insecurity. The initiative is funded using \$3,000,000 transferred on a
36 one-time basis from the Fund for a Healthy Maine; the authority is responsible for the
37 administration of the funds and may retain a portion of the funds for the reasonable
38 administrative costs incurred by the authority.