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Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Request the Federal Government To Recognize Environmental Hazards at the Military Training Center in Gagetown, New Brunswick and the Resulting Health Risks and Disabilities Suffered by Certain Members of the Maine National Guard

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 23, 2013. Referred to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York. Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, KINNEY of Limington, MORIARTY of Cumberland, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor. 1 Sec. 1. Request to United States Department of Veterans Affairs. 2 Resolved: That the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall request the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to recognize the 3 4 environmental hazards present at the 5th Canadian Division Support Base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and the resulting potential health risks and disabilities to 5 veterans who, as members of the Maine National Guard, trained in partnership with 6 7 Canadian military forces at the 5th Canadian Division Support Base in Gagetown; and be 8 it further

9 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 10, 2015, the 10 Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, or the commissioner's 11 designee, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having 12 jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs on the status of the request submitted to the 13 United States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to section 1.

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SUMMARY

15 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to request the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to recognize the 16 environmental hazards present at the 5th Canadian Division Support Base in Gagetown, 17 18 New Brunswick, Canada, and the resulting potential health risks and disabilities to veterans who, as members of the Maine National Guard, trained in partnership with 19 Canadian military forces in Gagetown. The resolve requires the commissioner to report 20 21 on the status of the request to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs by January 10, 2015. 22