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Resolve, To Expand Research To Fight Lyme Disease

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LYFORD of Eddington, STEARNS of Guilford.

1 **Sec. 1. Joint study of effect of ticks on the deer and moose population.**
2 **Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the University of
3 Maine jointly shall study the effects of ticks and ticks infected with disease, including
4 Lyme disease, on the deer population and the effects of winter ticks on the moose
5 population. The department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the
6 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the
7 findings of the joint study and any necessary implementing legislation by December 8,
8 2019; and be it further

9 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
10 appropriations and allocations are made.

11 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

12 **Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

13 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the Maine Medical Center Research Institute to
14 increase funding in the Lyme and Vector-Borne Disease Laboratory.

15	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
16	All Other	\$500,000	\$0
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

19	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
20	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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23	GENERAL FUND	\$500,000	\$0
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25	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

26 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

27 **Maine Economic Improvement Fund 0986**

28 Initiative: Appropriates funding to the University of Maine System for research and
29 development to combat Lyme disease, including research on the effects of ticks on the
30 deer and moose population.

31	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
32	All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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34	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

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2	TRUSTEES OF THE		
3	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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5	GENERAL FUND	\$250,000	\$250,000
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7	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$250,000	\$250,000
8	SECTION TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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10	GENERAL FUND	\$750,000	\$250,000
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12	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$750,000	\$250,000

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This resolve, for the purpose of reducing the effects of Lyme disease, does the
15 following:

16 1. It requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the University of
17 Maine to undertake a joint study into the effects of ticks and disease-infected ticks on the
18 deer population and the effects of winter ticks on the moose population; and

19 2. It provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine
20 Center for Disease Control and Prevention for the Lyme and Vector-Borne Disease
21 Laboratory in the Maine Medical Center Research Institute and the University of Maine
22 for research and development to combat Lyme disease.