



RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE MAINE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

**The Town of Falmouth is pleased to join communities throughout the state to
commemorate the 200th anniversary of the State of Maine.**

- WHEREAS,** the Town of Falmouth was incorporated in 1718; and
- WHEREAS,** prior to 1820, Maine was part of Massachusetts and known as the District of Maine; and
- WHEREAS,** beginning in 1785, the people of the District of Maine made several attempts to gain their independence from Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1819, the Massachusetts General Court passed the Act of Separation allowing the people of the District of Maine to vote on independence; and
- WHEREAS,** the vote to separate from Massachusetts was approved in July 1819; and
- WHEREAS,** Falmouth residents Peter M. Knight and Nathan Bucknam attended the State's Constitutional Convention as delegates from Falmouth in October 1819; and
- WHEREAS,** a vote of the people of Maine to adopt the State's Constitution was held on December 6, 1819 and was approved; and
- WHEREAS,** Falmouth resident John Watt was chosen as the Town's first representative to the new Maine Legislature in 1821; and
- WHEREAS,** March 15, 2020, will mark the 200th anniversary of the admission of Maine to the Union as the 23rd state; and
- WHEREAS,** the bicentennial of our statehood is an opportunity to recognize the many cultural, economic, academic, and political contributions that Maine and its residents have made to the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** the Maine Bicentennial Commission is coordinating programs and projects that commemorate Maine's 200th anniversary of statehood; and
- WHEREAS,** commemorative activities will enable and encourage Mainers of all ages and backgrounds, together with visitors, to explore Maine's history from the many perspectives of its multiple past and current populations; to celebrate Maine's present people, places, institutions and economy; and to envision the public and private actions that will enhance Maine's future prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** our community recognizes the importance of the bicentennial commemoration to honor the residents and the history of our great state, and set a course for success in the future; and

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WHEREAS, our community should work together with the Maine Bicentennial Commission and the state's citizens, businesses, cultural, and educational institutions to share our vision and projects to mark the 200th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, participation in Maine's bicentennial anniversary is a unique opportunity to honor and showcase the state during this historic time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019, THAT:

The Town of Falmouth endorses the efforts of the Maine Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning, and supporting historic, educational, commemorative, and cultural initiatives and further resolves to recognize and commemorate the bicentennial of the state of Maine.

Attest: _____
Ellen Planer, Town Clerk

Date: _____