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JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISLAND SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the City has for many years maintained and operated public elementary schools on Peaks Island and Cliff Island; and

WHEREAS, in 1832 the Peaks Island School was in fact the very first grammar school incorporated by the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, the Peaks Island School currently has 47 students in grades K-5, Cliff Island School currently has 6 students, and there are 57 other island students attending Portland's mainland secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, given the island location of the Cliff Island and Peaks Island elementary schools, and the transportation time and effort required to reach the mainland should either school ever close, the Council and the School Committee reaffirm their long-standing commitment to the continued and long-term operation of these; and

WHEREAS, the Council and School Committee recognize the vital role of our island schools in sustaining viable, year-round communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and the Portland School Committee commit themselves and the City to maintaining and operating the City's island schools so that they continue to play the vital role that they have throughout their history for island residents and the City as a whole.