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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CITY PARTICIPATION IN
“PRESERVE AMERICA” GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation’s past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country’s irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community’s interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland Maine has made a commitment to protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

WHEREAS, Portland, Maine has submitted an application for designation as a *Preserve America* Community in order to improve our community’s ability to protect and promote its historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is interested in “telling Portland’s story” and educating residents and visitors alike about the rich history and architecture of the city through an effective, accessible public interpretation program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Portland, Maine hereby supports the grant application for *Preserve America* funds to assist the development of an interpretation program within Portland’s historic districts that would enhance and expand the City’s planned Wayfinding initiative.