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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO INCLUDE THE GREATER PORTLAND REGION AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY AS PART OF THE STATE'S PINETREE DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

**WHEREAS**, in 2003 the Maine Legislature enacted the Pine Tree Development Zone (PTDZ) program which provides tax benefits and other incentives to qualified businesses in order to spur economic development and job creation in targeted regions of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pine Tree Development Zone benefits are given only to companies representing certain sectors and only if they locate in designated areas in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portland and the greater Portland region are not located within a designated Pine Tree Zone, yet the City and the region are the prime locations for many of the business sectors the State seeks to attract such as biotechnology, information technology, marine sciences and technology, financial services, and precision manufacturing; and

**WHEREAS**, Portland's role as an economic engine which benefits the entire State of Maine was most recently documented in a Portland Community Chamber 2007 Report which noted that Portland regions represents more than 40% of Maine's gross state product; and

**WHEREAS**, extending the Pine Tree Development Zone designation to Portland and the communities of Cumberland County would increase our ability to attract business growth and development, create jobs in industries known for quality jobs and good wages, and benefit the State as a whole;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Portland City Council strongly and respectfully requests that Maine Legislature amend the Pine Tree Development Zone to extend the boundaries to include greater Portland and Cumberland County.