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RESOLUTION REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE IMPACTS OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND

WHEREAS, the City Council of Portland, Maine, has approved and established a total of eleven (11) historic districts over the years, including for Congress Street, Deering Street, Evergreen Cemetery, Fort McKinley on Great Diamond Island, House Island, How Houses, India Street, the Old Port, Portland Company, Stroudwater and the West End; and

WHEREAS, during the years in which these neighborhoods and island areas have had historic district zoning in place, property owners have worked with the Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Planning and Urban Development to maintain historic standards; and

WHEREAS, given this long history, it would be possible to collect data in such matters as employment, property values, cultural heritage tourism, environmental issues, downtown revitalization, and equity and inclusion for both the areas in these historic districts and the areas outside them; and

WHEREAS, in order to understand ramifications of the effects on the residents and the city created by the historic districts, an in-depth analysis would guide future actions by both the City's Planning staff and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is considering the establishment of a twelfth Historic District on Munjoy Hill in 2021:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Kate Snyder, and the Portland City Council hereby support the City Manager's commissioning of a report that would delineate the impacts of the historic districts located within the City of Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Portland City Council, among other things, seek to specifically learn more about the following impacts:

- Job creation and income generated by historic rehabilitation activity or other preservation efforts in Portland's historic districts;

- The economic impact of cultural heritage tourism and incremental impact relative to other forms of tourism in Portland;
- Demonstrated effect of historic districts on property values and rent within those districts as compared to non-historic districts;
- The role of historic preservation and downtown commercial district revitalization in Portland, Maine;
- The contribution of historic preservation to broader sustainable development, Smart Growth, energy conservation, and environmentally-sensitive or green community planning in Portland, Maine; and
- The social & Racial Impacts of Historic Preservation including, but not limited to, the opportunities in Portland's historic districts as it is related to the development of low and moderate income housing compared with other, non-historic district parts of the City.