



# City of Lewiston, Maine

## Department of City Clerk

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City Clerk & Registrar of Voters

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### **CERTIFICATION OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

I, Kathleen M. Montejo, City Clerk of Lewiston, Maine, do hereby certify that the following action was taken by the Lewiston City Council at a public meeting of the City Council, held on Thursday, April 9, 2015:

#### **RESOLVE, EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LD 368, AN ACT TO INTEGRATE THE STATE'S GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAMS**

#### **VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Bouchard:

To approve the Resolve authorizing the City Administrator to dispose of the property at 10 College Street:

Whereas, General Assistance is a locally administered but state mandated program; and

Whereas, in recent years, changes to state welfare programs have not always taken into account their effect on General Assistance; and

Whereas, in January 2012, the state began enforcing a lifetime limit of 60 months for an individual to receive TANF benefits but allowing for certain extensions due to reasons such as a disability that make it impossible for an individual to be employed; and

Whereas, capping Temporary Assistance to Needy Families at 60 months has resulted in moving some recipients from the state/federal system to General Assistance, thus increasing the costs of the General Assistance program; and

Whereas, since January 2012, 88 applicants representing 333 individuals who have reached the 60 month limit have moved onto the General Assistance program at a total cost of \$100,133; and

Whereas, the state's share of General Assistance is higher than its share of the TANF program's costs; and

Whereas, moving recipients from a federally subsidized program to the state/locally funded General Assistance program may actually increase costs to both the state and to the City; and

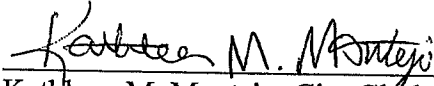
Whereas, it is essential that state/federal/local welfare programs be organized and administered in a coordinated fashion to ensure that changes and modifications to one program do not lead to unanticipated impacts on the other; and

Whereas, LD 368 provides that a person who is not eligible for the TANF program due to exhausting the 60 month lifetime limit on TANF would be ineligible to receive municipal General Assistance, thus eliminating the transfer of such individuals to the city's General Assistance program;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston** that we hereby express our conditional support for LD 368, An Act to Integrate the State's General Assistance and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs, subject to allowing an exemption to continue benefits for those individuals who have filed for an extension of TANF benefits and who are waiting for the State Department of Health and Human Services to rule on their application and allowing municipalities flexibility to continue to provide General Assistance benefits during the time the municipality is working with current recipients to transition them out of the program.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathleen M. Montejo, City Clerk  
City Clerk

April 10, 2015  
Date