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Honorable Anne M. Carney, Chair Honorable Matthew W. Moonen, Chair Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary State House Station 115 Augusta, Maine 04333-0007

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and Committee Members:

Pursuant to the directive of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 95, I submit the enclosed Revisor's Report for this year, which may be known and cited as RR 2023, chapter 2. The Revisor's Report is prepared under the authority of Title 1, chapter 4. The corrections made in the report take effect on October 1, 2024, except as otherwise indicated.

There are five parts to this year's Revisor's Report. Part A contains the changes traditionally made in a Revisor's Report. As you know, Public Law 2019, chapter 475 directed the Revisor's Office to review the Maine Revised Statutes to identify references to individuals throughout the statutes that need to be made gender-neutral and implement those revisions through the Revisor's Report as soon as reasonably practicable. In accordance with this directive, we have included in Parts B, C, D and E of this year's Revisor's Report corrections to gender-specific references contained in Title 5, Title 10, Title 15 and Title 26.

We have now completed, to the extent allowed in the Revisor's Report, making the following twenty-three Titles gender-neutral: Titles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20-A, 21-A, 22, 24, 24-A, 25, 26, 29-A, 34-B, 35-A, 37-B and 38.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about any of the corrections included in this report. I would be pleased to review the report with the members of the committee should you wish me to do so.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Charbonneau

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cc: Hon. Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate

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