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**Resolve**  
123rd Legislature  
Second Regular Session

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**Chapter 172**  
**H.P. 1494 - L.D. 2108**

**Resolve, To Adopt Respectful Language in  
Programs Affecting Developmental Services**

**Sec. 1 Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall change the name of its programs serving people with mental retardation or autism to refer to developmental services programs. The department shall take steps to amend its rules, policies, guidelines, publications and forms to reflect this more respectful language as soon as practicable; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Resolved:** That, in implementing the name changes required in section 1, the department shall consult with and be guided by the report and recommendations of the working group convened by the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council in accordance with Resolve 2007, chapter 62; and be it further

**Sec. 3 Resolved:** That, in order to further implement the adoption of respectful language described in section 1 in state law affecting developmental services, the department may submit legislation for introduction to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Effective June 30, 2008