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**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Portland Fire Department was founded on March 29, 1768 with five fire wards appointed for fire protection at Falmouth Neck who walked the streets at dusk, had policing authority, used a wooden rattle to alert citizens, and directed bucket brigades; and

WHEREAS, in 1787, Portland’s first organized Fire Company named the “Neptune” was formed, and Fire Company names such as “Vigilant”, “Cataract”, “Portland”, “Extinguisher”, and “Alert” followed, all part of the rich history of the Portland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 these same fire companies are known as “Bramhall”, “Rosemont”, “Riverton”, “Munjoy Hill”, “Central”, “Ocean Avenue”, “Allen Avenue”, “Air Rescue”, “Marine Division”, “Peaks Island”, “Great Diamond”, “Cliff Island”, “Little Diamond”, and “Cushing Island”; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Fire Department has provided continuous service and protection of life and property to Portland inhabitants for the last two and a half centuries; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Fire Department’s motto is “*Answering the Bell, Since 1768*”; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Portland Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Portland City Council recognize the Portland Fire Department on the 250th anniversary of its service to the City of Portland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Portland City Council speak on behalf of all inhabitants of the City of Portland in extending their gratitude to the Portland Fire Department for its dedicated, unfailing, and heroic service.

Signed this Third Day of December, Two Thousand Eighteen

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