TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP

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Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor: **ELIZABETH DINSMORE** ARTHUR "BUBBA" THOMPSON, JR. DAVID BENNER

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Town of Friendship Policy

This resolution defending the rights of Friendship citizens guaranteed under the First Amendment of the United States and guaranteed under Section 4 of the Maine Constitution. Declaring the Town of Friendship, Maine a First Amendment Sanctuary Town.

Whereas;

The first amendment of the United States constitution guarantees freedom of expression and prohibits Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely. It also guarantees the right of citizens to assemble peaceably and to petition their government.

Whereas:

Section 4 of the Maine State constitution guarantees freedom of speech and publication. Allows every citizen to freely speak, write and publish sentiments on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of this liberty; and ensures no laws be passed regulating or restraining the freedom of the press.

Whereas:

There are groups, individuals and organizations within our American society working diligently to remove Frist Amendment free speech and other rights from the citizens of the United States.

Therefore:

We stand firm and resolute to defend and support all forms of expression that are protected by the First Amendment of the United State constitution and Section 4 of the Maine Constitution, and hereby declare Friendship, Maine a First Amendment Sanctuary Town.

Selectmen;

Dated; April 27, 2021

David, Benner

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