Whereas the faculty members at the University of Maine and at the University of Maine at Machias completed a transition in instruction to deliver almost 3,000 courses in online or remote formats; and,

Whereas, the faculty members worked with staff to respond to student needs for learning in extraordinary ways; and,

Whereas, the faculty reduced withdrawals from the institution for the term by 50 percent at UMaine and UMM; and,

Whereas, the faculty reduced the number of course withdrawals by 36 percent at UMaine and UMM; and,

Whereas, the faculty supported a pass/fail option for students that resulted in almost 3,000 UMaine and UMM students selecting that option for a course; and,

Whereas, the faculty found innovative and creative ways to enhance learning in laboratories, dance, art, and more; and;

Whereas, the faculty found ways to work remotely, to access offices wisely, and to avoid contact,

The President of the University of Maine, members of the Cabinet, and staff commend and honor the faculty at the University of Maine and the University of Maine at Machias for their extraordinary competence and quality in responding to COVID-19 with the best interests of our students in mind. We say to you, bravo!

Thank you for your excellence.
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