**A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF LOCAL CITIZENS, WATERBODIES AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES IN RELATION TO THE POTENTIAL TRANSPORT OF OIL SANDS THROUGH RAYMOND**

**WHEREAS**, Raymond, Maine has previously supported local, state and/or federal actions to safeguard human health, ensure the safety of citizens, and to protect the environment, including but not limited to town ordinances and significant investments in watershed protection in the areas draining into all water bodies within the town; and

**WHEREAS,** Raymond and the public benefits immensely from the existing lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds that have for generations provided recreation for residents and tourists alike, and which enhance property values and generate substantial economic activity that sustains jobs and local businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Raymond Comprehensive Plan (2004) asserted that the local economy depends on the conservation of water and natural resources, including soils, water resources, wetlands, floodplains, and wildlife habitat, as well as the protection of drinking water supplies, including groundwater and Sebago Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, a pumping station along the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line is located in Raymond on Route 121; and

**WHEREAS**, The Portland Pipe Line Corp. has been part of the Raymond community since 1941; and Maine considers Canada a close and valued trading partner; and

**WHEREAS,** the Portland Pipe Line Corp. has expressed interest in using their pipeline to transport Canadian oil sands;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that through the adoption of this resolution, the Town of **Raymond** calls upon state and federal officials to conduct an environmental and safety review of any pipeline project that could transport oil sands through Raymond; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town of Raymond transmit a copy of this resolution to Maine's Congressional delegation, Gov. Paul LePage, Maine State House and Senate leadership, the U.S. State Department, President of the United States, CEO of Portland Pipe Line Corporation, and the Canadian Consulate in Boston.

**PASSED** by the **Raymond Selectboard** this____ day of _____, 2013.

Signatures follow on a separate page.

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**APPROVED** this ____ day of _____, 2013.