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Dear Maine State Legislators,

The Town of Poland strongly supports the initiative to make the Seppala Siberian Sled Dog the Maine State Dog. We believe this would celebrate a significant aspect of our heritage and foster a sense of community and State pride.

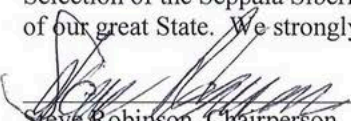
Given Maine's rich history of winter sports, selection of the Seppala Siberian Sled Dog, specifically recognizing Togo, the renowned sled dog, as our State Dog is appropriate. Togo's bravery and endurance in delivering diphtheria medicine to Nome, Alaska in 1925 exemplifies the spirit of resilience and perseverance that we as Mainers hold dear.

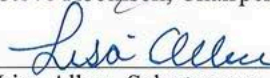
A statue of Togo located at the Maine State Building in Poland proudly demonstrates the importance and affection that the community has for this dog.

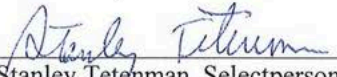
Seppala Siberian Sled Dogs are known for their strength, loyalty, and ability to thrive in harsh conditions, reflecting the rugged beauty of our great State. They have played a vital role in the development of our winter sports industry and have been cherished companions to many.

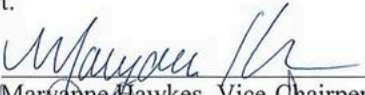
Honoring Togo and selecting the Seppala Siberian Sled Dog as our State Dog celebrates the important role these dogs have played in our history and recognizes their ongoing contributions to our State.

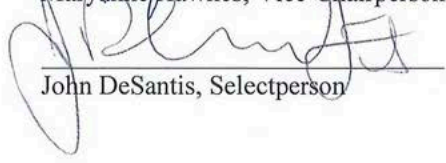
Selection of the Seppala Siberian Sled Dog as the Maine State Dog would recognize the history and spirit of our great State. We strongly support this effort.


Steve Robinson, Chairperson


Lisa Albee, Selectperson


Stanley Tetenman, Selectperson


Maryanne Hawkes, Vice-Chairperson


John DeSantis, Selectperson