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STATEMENT OF LARRY MEAD, PRESIDENT OF MTCMA REGARDING JACKMAN TOWN MANAGER

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The divisive and extreme beliefs and opinions publicly expressed this week by the Jackman Town Manager Thomas Kawczynski are fundamentally incompatible with the role and responsibilities of a municipal manager. As President of the Maine Town, City and County Management Association I represent over 200 members, most serving as chief administrators of Maine municipalities both large and small. We reject and condemn the principles of division, uniformity, and white separatism espoused by Mr. Kawczynski.

As members of MTCMA, each of us adhere to a Code of Ethics intended to promote public trust and confidence in local government. We commit for example to “conduct ourselves in our personal and professional relationships so as to maintain public confidence in local government and to merit public trust in the performance of our responsibilities.” Further, we believe that “the chief function of local government is to serve the best interests of all of the people.”

In addition in our role as municipal managers we are obligated to uphold the Constitution of the State of Maine that recognizes all people as equally free and independent to pursue and obtain safety and happiness, and that guarantees the freedom of religion to all denominations or creeds and the right of people to worship God according to their own consciences.

As a private citizen Mr. Kawczynski is entitled to espouse his belief in the separation of races, the objectification of women, and the exclusion of religious beliefs other than his own, however extreme or offensive this may be to other people. However, his public advocacy of such beliefs disqualifies him from serving as Town Manager. He should resign.

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