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WINDHAM, MAINE, SLRCC Endorsement of Walk a Mile in Their Shoes

As we begin the new year, we at the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce are looking at ways to fulfill our mission, "To foster economic growth and prosperity in the Sebago Lakes Region". One way to ensure prosperity is to ensure our communities' youngest citizens are well cared for and protected. That is why we are so deeply concerned about the high number of children in state care who suffer abuse and die at record levels. We strongly support the work being done by *Walk a Mile in their Shoes* and its founder, Bill Diamond. We want to express our strongest insistence that the Maine Legislature make the necessary changes to better protect the children who too often are placed in unsafe environments by the state. The Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce encourages the legislators who represent the Sebago Lakes region to stand strong against the continued failures of the child protection system, and we urge other Maine chambers to insist that their legislative delegations also fight to better protect children in state care.

"Walk a Mile in Their Shoes (WAM) is extremely proud to have the endorsement and support of the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. They are the first chamber of commerce in Maine to publicly speak out about the urgent need to prevent the abuse and deaths of children. The businesses and citizens of the Sebago Lakes region can be very proud of their leadership," said Bill Diamond, Founder of WAM.

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In the photo left to right - SLRCC Board Chair, Jonathan Priest, Walk a Mile in Their Shoes Founder, Bill Diamond, and SLRCC President/CEO, Robin Mullins

About the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce: The Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, representing the towns of Casco, Gray, Naples, New Gloucester, Raymond, Sebago, Standish, and Windham, is one of the most active chambers in the state of Maine. It is comprised of business members ranging from young entrepreneurs and 'mom & pop' shops to the largest employers in our region.

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