

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE**

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE OBSERVANCE OF
THE NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING 2023**

WHEREAS, racial divisiveness is rising in America's urban, rural and tribal communities and threatens the very core of this great country's unified front; and

WHEREAS, just as with those who came before us, it is our duty to protect those who live in this State and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and that we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all people can thrive; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to every opportunity to learn, grow and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity or humanity; and

WHEREAS, all persons have the capability to make a simple change within themselves that can have a profound positive effect on an entire society; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledge January 17, 2023 as the National Day of Racial Healing.