

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS MILITARY
APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that United States citizens enjoy today are results of the vigilant commitment of the United States Armed Forces in preserving that freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the importance of maintaining a strong, well-equipped, well-educated and well-trained military for the United States to safeguard freedoms, humanitarianism and peacekeeping efforts around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to promote awareness of and reflect upon the sacrifices that members of the United States Armed Forces have made in the past and continue to make every day in order to support the Constitution and to preserve the freedoms and liberties that enrich the Nation and to show appreciation for those sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, it is important to give greater recognition for the dedication and sacrifices that individuals who serve in the United States Armed Forces have made and continue to make on behalf of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to emphasize the importance of the United States Armed Forces to all persons in the United States and to celebrate the proper honor and pride United States citizens feel towards members of the United States Armed Forces for their service; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve and foster the honor and respect that the United States Armed Forces deserve for vital service on behalf of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to instill in the youth of the United States the significance of the contributions that members of the United States Armed Forces have made in securing and protecting the freedoms that United States citizens enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to underscore the vital support and encouragement that families of members of the United States Armed Forces lend to the strength and commitment of those members; and

WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge the contributions of the many individuals who have served in the United States Armed Forces since inception of the Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate May 2023 as Military Appreciation Month, to recognize, honor and encourage the dedication and commitment of members of the United States Armed Forces in serving the United States and to encourage greater support for the role of the United States Armed Forces in maintaining the United States as a strong nation and in contributing to world peace.

