

# STATE OF MAINE

In House \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the politicization of race and the incitement of racial tension and division has spiked in recent years in Maine and across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, prior Legislatures have made it a priority to eliminate sexism and racism from the Legislature by enacting laws requiring all Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists to attend sexual and racial harassment prevention training; and

**WHEREAS**, racial and gender parity has been a priority in the 130th Legislature as evidenced by dozens of pieces of proposed legislation, many hours of public testimony and the appropriation of thousands of taxpayer dollars to reduce and eliminate racial and gender discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, 49% of Maine's population is male, a large majority of those males are Caucasian heterosexuals and all are sons, fathers, husbands, uncles or grandfathers; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration that all Caucasian heterosexual males are unfit to serve in public office is a grave offense; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's elected officials are held to a higher standard than the citizens they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, there is precedent stemming from the 130th Legislature and prior Legislatures for punitive action being taken against Legislators and others connected to the State House for offensive social media communications; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2021, Representative Charlotte Warren of Hallowell engaged in reprehensible racist and sexist communications on public social media; and

**WHEREAS**, elected officials serving the State must uphold and demonstrate the principle that all people are created equal, as proclaimed in our Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine; now, therefore, be it

**ORDERED**, that We, the Members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, call for Representative Charlotte Warren of Hallowell to be removed as a member of all committees of the Legislature and removed from all leadership responsibilities, in response to her disparaging racist and sexist communications.

**SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Representative STETKIS, J.)**

**TOWN: Canaan**