

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

**TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS  
NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, partnering with parents is a critical and effective way to help families identify and build upon their strengths and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, authentic partnerships with parents are created when parents have the opportunity to partner with other parents and present a "parent perspective and lens" to inform policies and programs that support the growth of the protective factors that lead to strong families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maine Children's Trust, a statewide abuse and neglect prevention organization, supports, encourages and acknowledges partnerships between parents and community stakeholders, leaders and policymakers as critical to developing strong communities; and

**WHEREAS**, partnerships with parents can help with building strengths-based communities that thrive based on protective factors; and

**WHEREAS**, partnerships with parents are successfully achieved when parents are partners in the planning, implementation, oversight and evaluation of policies, practices and programs that affect families and communities, receive support and training and have multiple opportunities to share their expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, parents each year are partnering with other parents to build stronger, safer communities where all children can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, parents can have a powerful effect on communities by sharing their lived expertise, and they will continue to have a positive effect on the lives of families across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, many organizations across the State support and provide partnership opportunities for parents; and

**WHEREAS**, National Parent Leadership Month is an opportunity to recognize, honor and celebrate these parents and their contributions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2025 as Parent Leadership Month in order to raise awareness of the vital role parents play in creating local communities that produce thriving children.