

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923**

WHEREAS, from April 24, 1915 to 1923, a campaign was launched by the Turkish regime of the Ottoman Empire against the Armenian people; and

WHEREAS, this campaign was an attempt to annihilate the entire Armenian people and resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million Armenians; and

WHEREAS, many of the survivors settled in the State of Maine and their heirs have made significant contributions to the State over the last 106 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to join our citizens of Armenian heritage in remembering the 106th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and to express our deepest sympathy to the families of those who perished; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we commemorate April 24, 2021 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide and in honor of the survivors and their descendants and urge all citizens of the State to join in this solemn remembrance.