

**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULY 21, 2023 AS PARK  
AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the park and recreation field is a diverse and comprehensive system that improves personal, social, environmental and economic health; and

**WHEREAS**, the skilled work of park and recreation professionals strengthens community cohesion and resiliency, connects people with nature and one another and provides and promotes opportunities for healthful living, social equity and environmental sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, park and recreation professionals and volunteers perform essential services to provide recreational and developmental enrichment for children, youth, adults and older adults and to ensure that our parks and recreational spaces are clean, safe, inclusive, welcoming and ready to use; 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 recognize July 21, 2023 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day and to recognize the importance and benefits of park and recreation services that enrich the lives of Maine citizens and help make this State a desirable place to live, work and visit.