

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CLEAN ENERGY'S
IMPORTANCE TO MAINE'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ECONOMIC FUTURE**

WHEREAS, the State has a proud history advancing Maine's clean energy sector to support infrastructure developments and other key industries; and

WHEREAS, Maine can continue to expand in-state energy production by taking advantage of opportunities in clean energy, thereby expanding and diversifying our economic base while achieving 100 percent renewable energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of America's energy future and includes not only generation from renewable sources but also upgrades to technologies and energy storage; and

WHEREAS, Maine can invest in our energy infrastructure to include affordable, efficient battery storage technologies; and

WHEREAS, over 11,900 Maine citizens are currently employed in the clean energy sector; and

WHEREAS, further bipartisan infrastructure investments and the advancement of clean energy innovation on the federal level will help spur economic development and new business growth, creating future-facing jobs for hard-working Maine citizens while supporting stronger, more vibrant and increasingly cleaner communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the value of clean energy, including the promise of abundant job opportunities, economic growth, energy independence, consumer choice, lower energy prices and a cleaner environment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we recognize that clean energy generation from all renewable sources plays an important role in Maine's diverse energy portfolio and that investing in clean energy infrastructure is of fundamental importance to the long-term health of our roads, bridges, electrical grid, cybersecurity, economy and quality of life.