

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRUNSWICK TOWN MALL**

WHEREAS, in 1823, John O'Brien, Robert D. Dunning and John A. Dunning, all of Brunswick, conveyed real estate to the Town of Brunswick, including land that became Brunswick's Lower Mall; and

WHEREAS, the deed to the town specified that the land was to be used only as a public walk or mall in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick Town Mall serves as a gathering place for community residents at music concerts, art and Pride festivals, Civil War reenactments, winter ice skating, holiday tree lighting and many other special events and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Mall is the site of Veterans Plaza, which is dedicated to all veterans and Merchant Marines from the Revolutionary War to the present; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Mall hosts a Farmers' Market twice a week during warm months as well as up to 5 food truck vendors; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary historical significance of the Brunswick Town Mall has been recognized by the designation of a Spanish-American War Square; inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976; dedication of a statue of Joshua Chamberlain in 1983; placement of a plaque by the Rotary Club designating the Brunswick Town Mall as a local historic site in 2005; and installation of a monument on the Brunswick Town Mall to commemorate the 2020 Maine bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, 2023 is the 200th anniversary of the deed conveying the first property that became part of the Brunswick Town Mall; 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 the 200th anniversary of the Brunswick Town Mall.