

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 4, 2025 TO MAY 10,
2025 AS MAINE HOMESCHOOL EDUCATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Maine State Legislature is committed to fostering educational excellence, innovation and opportunity for all students and recognizes the vital role of families in the education and development of their children; and

WHEREAS, homeschooling offers families the freedom to customize educational experiences to meet the unique needs, talents and aspirations of each child, cultivating creativity, critical thinking and a lifelong love of learning; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Maine has witnessed significant growth in homeschooling, with families across the State embracing this educational model as a means to provide stability, flexibility and individualized instruction, particularly during and following the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the number of students educated at home in Maine has grown substantially, reflecting the dedication of parents, guardians and caregivers who have answered the call to guide their children's academic and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, homeschooling families contribute richly to the educational landscape of Maine, fostering diversity, strengthening community ties and instilling the values of civic responsibility, service and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, homeschooled students across Maine have distinguished themselves through academic achievement, leadership, community service and artistic endeavors, embodying the spirit of excellence that Maine holds dear; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of home education in Maine reflects the deeply held principles of family engagement, parental choice and educational freedom that are cornerstones of a strong and vibrant democratic republic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, declare the week of May 4, 2025 to May 10, 2025 as Maine Home Education Week and recognize the importance of homeschooling in Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we acknowledge, celebrate and honor the thousands of homeschooling families for their unwavering commitment to their children's education and futures and recognize and commend the vital contributions they make to the strength, diversity and prosperity of the people of the State.