

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, began in the aftermath of the Civil War and has grown into a solemn national observance honoring the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Maine citizens have proudly served in the United States military throughout the nation's history, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms and democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is observed each year on the last Monday in May and provides a time for all Mainers and Americans to reflect, remember and honor the service members who died in defense of our country; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the State to recognize the courage, dedication and selflessness of these fallen heroes and to express gratitude to the families and communities who have borne this profound loss; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine continue to uphold the enduring tradition of Memorial Day through local ceremonies, parades and flags placed on graves; 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, take this opportunity to recognize Memorial Day as a day of solemn reflection and heartfelt gratitude for those who gave their lives in defense of our country; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We encourage all citizens of the State to observe Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies and acts of remembrance in honor of our fallen service members and their enduring legacy.