

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 TO
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 AS FRONTOTEMPORAL DEGENERATION
AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration reports that frontotemporal degeneration is a terminal and incurable neurodegenerative disease affecting the frontal and temporal lobes, causing impairments to speech, personality, behavior and motor skills, and that it takes an average of 3.6 years from the start of symptoms to get an accurate diagnosis, with an average life expectancy of 7 to 13 years after the start of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, frontotemporal degeneration may strike people between the ages of 21 and 80, with the largest percentage of those affected being between 45 and 64, and is the most common form of dementia for people under 60 years of age, rendering people in the prime of life unable to work or function normally; and

WHEREAS, frontotemporal degeneration imposes average annual costs associated with care and living with the disease that are approximately double those of Alzheimer's disease and is identified in the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease as a related dementia and included as part of the vision of a nation free of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater awareness of this serious disease, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize September 20, 2026 to September 26, 2026 as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week.