

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LONGSTANDING
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC AND
THE STATE OF MAINE**

WHEREAS, the Province of Québec has maintained a permanent presence in New England since 1970 in order to facilitate relations with the 6 New England states, including Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, first established in 1977, is responsible for strengthening relations between Maine and its neighboring Canadian provinces of Québec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and

WHEREAS, Québec and Maine are founding members of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, or NEG-ECP, where they work cooperatively to address their shared interests, such as trade, energy security and affordability, environmental sustainability and modernizing transportation and industry, and participate in the annual NEG-ECP Conference; and

WHEREAS, Québec and Maine are members of legislative associations, including the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, where representatives of Québec and Maine convene and work collaboratively to address issues of mutual interest and engage in discussions; and

WHEREAS, common traditions and values have existed historically between Maine and Québec, including economic, educational, familial and cultural exchanges on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, trade between Maine and Québec represented more than \$1 billion USD; and

WHEREAS, Maine and Québec share a border of 292 miles with 7 border crossings; and

WHEREAS, Québec is Maine's second largest international trade partner after New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, Maine and Québec share priority commercial sectors, including forestry, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, energy and tourism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to recognize the longstanding partnership between the Province of Québec and the State of Maine and extend our best wishes for many more years of mutual prosperity and growth; and be it further

RESOLVED: that suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Premier of Québec, François Legault, the National Assembly of Québec and the Québec Government Office in Boston.

