

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO**

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SMALL
BUSINESS WEEK, MAY 1-7, 2022**

WHEREAS, in the face of a worldwide pandemic, America's economic growth has been driven by the resilience of our small businesses, which pioneer innovative solutions to the country's greatest challenges and provide opportunities to families and workers; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Main Street, to those who fish and farm to feed our people, to the small manufacturers driving our competitiveness on the global stage, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise; and

WHEREAS, when we support small businesses, jobs are created and local communities preserve their unique cultures; and

WHEREAS, because this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly 2 out of 3 jobs in our economy, we cannot ourselves resolve to create jobs and spur economic growth in America without discussing ways to support our entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the United States Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, data compiled by the United States Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy indicates that over 99% of Maine's businesses are small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best: grow their businesses, create jobs and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1-7, 2022 as National Small Business Week and express our appreciation to Maine's small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy and the anchors of our communities.