

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

**TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2023 AS  
PUREBRED DOG DAY**

**WHEREAS**, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

**WHEREAS**, the service of these breeds continues today as they work alongside humans while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earthdogs, police dogs and canine soldiers serving alongside our military men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, purebred dogs also serve as avalanche dogs, trackers, trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters and bird dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

**WHEREAS**, purebred dogs are guardians of family, home and hearth, and always they are companions near and dear to humans; and

**WHEREAS**, each purebred breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as are that culture's music, art and language; and

**WHEREAS**, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 1, 2023 as Purebred Dog Day in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Maine.