

**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 10, 2023 AS  
NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the German Shepherd is a loyal and intelligent breed of dog that has become a beloved member of many families across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the German Shepherd has played a vital role in law enforcement, military service and search and rescue operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the breed was first developed in Germany in the late 19th century by Captain Max von Stephanitz, who envisioned a versatile and capable working dog; and

**WHEREAS**, National German Shepherd Day was founded in 2011 by Ingrid Birch in memory of her own German Shepherd and therapy dog, Peter George de Corban; and

**WHEREAS**, the breed is well-loved in Maine, as evidenced by the students of Fort Kent Elementary School, who have expressed their thoughts and support for the German Shepherd as representing the character and spirit of the State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 10, 2023 as National German Shepherd Day, and to express our admiration for the character and accomplishments of this breed.