

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 18, 2025 AS ASIAN
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DAY AGAINST
BULLYING AND HATE**

WHEREAS, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, observed annually on May 18th, the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a hate crime, Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate provides an opportunity for all Mainers to pursue empathy, promote civility and stand up against bigotry; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a rise in bullying, discrimination and hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of Asian American youth report being bullied, online or in school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize, in memory of Vincent Chin, May 18, 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We join all Mainers in denouncing violence, discrimination, bullying and hate in all forms and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that every Mainer is safe, welcomed and empowered to stand proud in identity.