

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION, RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
TEACHERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of Maine; and

WHEREAS, teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for their selfless dedication to community service and the futures of the children of Maine; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the extraordinary role teachers and other education staff play in the lives of Maine students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased and dramatically changed the duties of teachers and other education staff; and

WHEREAS, despite school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers and other education staff have stepped up in new ways to support their students and communities, including by coordinating remote learning, supporting the mental health of students, providing meals to students in need and distributing technology to students; and

WHEREAS, this implementation of adaptive responses to the emerging education challenges serves to protect young people's educational opportunities during and following the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the roles and contributions of the teachers and other education staff in building and enhancing the civic, cultural and economic well-being of Maine and in supporting students' opportunity to learn during the challenging crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic.