

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
SERVICES AND RECOGNIZING MAY 29, 2023 AS MEMORIAL
DAY**

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was first observed as Decoration Day on May 30, 1868, as an occasion to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers; and

WHEREAS, after World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor service members killed in all of our Nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and in 1971 Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May; and

WHEREAS, as we observe Memorial Day, it is important to reflect upon the contributions and sacrifices the men and women of our armed forces have made in upholding the principles of democracy and liberty while in service to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the heroic men and women who perished as a result of their service; 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 29, 2023 as Memorial Day and encourage all citizens to honor those men and women who lost their lives while serving to protect our Nation.