

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION, RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF
THE COWBOY ON JULY 24, 2021**

WHEREAS, the National Day of the Cowboy 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and its volunteers work to establish in all 50 states in perpetuity the National Day of the Cowboy, which honors pioneer heritage and cowboy culture on the 4th Saturday every July; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of the Cowboy nonprofit organization contributes to the preservation of America's cowboy culture and pioneer heritage so that the history and culture that the National Day of the Cowboy honors can be shared and perpetuated for the public good through education, the arts, literature, celebrations, gatherings, rodeos and other community activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano became the first governor to issue a National Day of the Cowboy proclamation, and since then many governors have issued National Day of the Cowboy proclamations and many states have established the National Day of the Cowboy in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of the Cowboy flag flies in 36 states and 6 countries and, as well as being celebrated annually in nearly every state in America, the National Day of the Cowboy has been celebrated with events held in Lebanon, England, Italy, Canada and Wales; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of the Cowboy celebrations are now hosted at numerous museums across the country, including the Eiteljorg Museum, Booth Museum, American Quarter Horse Museum, Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Autry Museum of the American West, North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame and National Cowboy Hall of Fame, to name a few; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the National Day of the Cowboy on July 24, 2021.