

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

**TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL  
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE WORKING  
DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED BY THIRTY-FOUR  
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Friday, January 27, 2023 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and marks the 78th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2023 also marks the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature recommits itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

**WHEREAS**, 34 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, have adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

**WHEREAS**, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the working definition of antisemitism.