

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2022 AS SUDDEN
UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, people who suffer from epilepsy and continue to have seizures are at a greater risk of a number of complications, the most serious of which are injuries and dying from seizures; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy affects approximately 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy each year; and

WHEREAS, the greatest risk factors for Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy are uncontrolled generalized tonic-clonic seizures and seizures that happen at night; and

WHEREAS, because of these serious complications, preventing seizures and other problems related to epilepsy is extremely important; and

WHEREAS, Maine resident Carson Hooper was diagnosed with epilepsy at 10 years of age and passed away from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy on June 30th, 2017 at 25 years of age; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to designate June 2, 2022 as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy Awareness Day in honor of Carson Hooper and others in Maine who have died from this tragic complication of epilepsy.