

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 7 -  
13, 2013 AS BARBERSHOP HARMONY WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, known now as the Barbershop Harmony Society, was officially organized April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, what began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world's largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony among all people of the world through the universal language of music; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition, the barbershop quartet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through music scholarships and other means and supports charitable foundations; and

**WHEREAS**, "barbershoppers" are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the week of April 7-13, 2013 as Barbershop Harmony Week.