

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BOY SCOUTS OF  
AMERICA ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, scouting is the largest voluntary youth movement in the world, with a membership totaling more than 32 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America is an organization that was incorporated on February 8, 1910, and recognized by federal charter on June 15, 1916, to provide an educational program for boys and young men to build strong moral character, learn the responsibilities of participatory citizenship and develop personal fitness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America teaches the core values of duty to God and country, personal honor, respect for the beliefs of others, volunteerism and interdependence with the environment, values that are conducive to good character, citizenship and health; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1910, more than 114,000,000 people have been members of the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America has enhanced the lives of millions of boys and young men from every ethnic, religious and economic background, including those with disabilities and special needs, participating in scouting programs across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America prepares boys and young men for lives of service by providing opportunities for them to help their communities through service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 980,000 adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve boys and young men in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America has always affirmed faith in God as foundational and essential to its purpose and mission, animated by Lord Baden-Powell's insight that "God has given us...the great Book of Nature to read"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America enjoys a sustained record of proven success in producing leaders for our nation who are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the Boy Scouts of America and express our appreciation for the public service it performs through its contributions to the lives of the nation's boys and young men.