

STATE OF MAINE

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION
OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

WHEREAS, on March 17th, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish-Americans join with men, women and children of all other ethnic origins who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick and the love of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear the green live for a day in the spirit of Saints Patrick, Bridget and Columcille, of whose birth the 1,500th anniversary was celebrated last year; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation, and those of Irish lineage today proudly sing support for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, whose aim is fostering and strengthening the long-standing relationship that exists between the United States of America and Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries, with leadership in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories of the Emerald Isle and the lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy and the life eternal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, pause in our deliberations to commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick.