

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE END OF  
FORCED ORGAN HARVESTING IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF CHINA**

**WHEREAS**, there continue to be persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from nonconsenting prisoners of conscience and members of religious and ethnic minority groups in the People's Republic of China, resulting in mass killings of Uyghurs, Tibetans, select Christians and practitioners of Falun Gong, a spiritual practice, in order to obtain organs for transplants; and

**WHEREAS**, China's organ transplantation system does not comply with the World Health Organization's guiding principles of traceability and transparency in organ procurement, and China's government has resisted independent scrutiny of the system; and

**WHEREAS**, new investigative reports conclude that the Chinese Communist Party has engaged in the mass killings of innocent people to obtain organs for transplants, and China's official figure of 10,000 transplants each year has been understated by an order of magnitude; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Committee Against Torture and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment have called for increased accountability and transparency in China's organ transplantation system and punishment for those responsible for abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the practice of harvesting organs from prisoners, and explicitly from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience and members of religious and ethnic minority groups, is an egregious and intolerable violation of the fundamental right to live; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, declare our support for the end of forced organ harvesting in the People's Republic of China on Falun Gong adherents and other prisoners of conscience and members of religious and ethnic minority groups; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the medical community in the State of Maine is encouraged to educate our citizens about the risks of traveling to China for organ transplants so as to prevent them from unwittingly becoming involved in murder in the form of forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience and members of religious and ethnic minority groups.