

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**

**TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS CELIAC  
DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, celiac disease is a serious autoimmune disease caused by a reaction to gluten, resulting in damage to the small intestine; and

**WHEREAS**, celiac disease affects approximately one percent of people worldwide, with symptoms ranging from mild to severe, and can lead to long-term health complications if not properly managed; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness about celiac disease can lead to earlier diagnosis, improved understanding and increased support for those living with the condition; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis and adherence to a strict gluten-free diet are crucial for individuals with celiac disease to maintain their health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations and individuals have worked tirelessly to raise awareness, provide education and support individuals affected by celiac disease; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 2025 as Celiac Disease Awareness Month and to express our gratitude to the organizations and individuals who have dedicated their time and efforts to raising awareness about celiac disease, supporting affected individuals and advancing research to improve the lives of those living with the condition.