

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL  
OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, Sieur de Monts National Monument was created by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and was renamed Lafayette National Park in 1919 and Acadia National Park in 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Acadia National Park is Maine's only national park and was established to ensure that Maine's natural and cultural heritage, including its rocky coastline, granite mountains, clean water, diverse plants and wildlife and enduring Wabanaki and European histories, is protected and recognized within the National Park System as a part of America's heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Acadia National Park is one of Maine's most popular outdoor destinations, with over 2,500,000 visitors annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Acadia National Park has inspired generations of outdoor enthusiasts to appreciate Maine's natural and historic wonders; and

**WHEREAS**, Acadia National Park has been named by national public polls as "America's Favorite Place" and is identified as a top destination for hiking, scenic driving and family vacations; and

**WHEREAS**, visitors to Acadia National Park spent more than \$221,000,000 in Maine during their visits in 2014, supporting almost 3,500 jobs and generating more than \$91,000,000 in labor income and \$154,000,000 in value-added expenditures in Maine; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 250 Maine organizations, businesses and individuals have joined together to plan and implement a community-based, year-long, statewide celebration of Acadia National Park's founding with an eye toward encouraging the next century of stewardship of Maine's beloved national park; 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 centennial of Acadia National Park; to express gratitude to the founders of the park; to commend the National Park Service, volunteers and park supporters for their commitment of time, financial resources and knowledge to maintain the park for all to enjoy; and to convey our hope that future generations of Maine residents and visitors will continue this commitment to stewardship of Acadia National Park; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to officials at Acadia National Park and the citizens of the surrounding towns in honor of the centennial of Acadia National Park.