

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF
MAINE ON ITS BEING DESIGNATED A NATIONAL R1
RESEARCH UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, in 1970, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education developed a classification of colleges and universities to support its program of research and policy analysis, and the Carnegie Classification is the leading framework for recognizing and describing institutional diversity in United States higher education; and

WHEREAS, the R1 designation signifies very high research activity in recent years and is the highest possible tier that a doctoral research university can achieve in the Carnegie Classification; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development was created by a Joint Order of the Maine Legislature on May 29, 1997 and was directed to develop and recommend a plan for the support of applied research and development in 5 technologies identified as having growth potential in the State's Science and Technology Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the committee was directed to review current policies and programs in the State supporting research and development and to develop a plan to further support research and development in the 5 target technologies of aquaculture and marine sciences and technology; biotechnology; composite materials engineering; environmental sciences and technology; and information sciences and technology; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the committee included extensive support for research and development within the University of Maine System and between the university and other research sectors, including the funding of capital expenses such as the purchase of equipment and the renovation of laboratories; and

WHEREAS, since that time the University of Maine, already a vital state economic and educational asset, has greatly increased its research and innovation reputation, becoming a premier location for research and development that attracts highly talented experts, creates new research opportunities and drives further innovations; and

WHEREAS, over the last 5 years, research and development expenditures at the University of Maine have grown 80.2% to an all-time high of \$179,300,000 for 2021 and external funding in support of research and development has increased to \$133,600,000; and

WHEREAS, only 146 of the 3,982 degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the United States are classified as top-tier doctoral research universities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the University of Maine on its designation as a national R1 research university and commend the university on its well-deserved designation and the

groundbreaking achievements and commitment to excellence by the faculty, scientists, students and staff.