

**STATE OF MAINE
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SUPPLEMENT NO. 35

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

(1-1) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1220

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2021 AS NATIONAL DAY OF
AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED
NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS**

WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the federal Department of Justice, in some tribal communities Native American women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recently available data from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2015 homicide ranged from the 2nd to the 7th leading cause of death for Native American and Alaska Native females between 1 and 39 years of age and remained a leading cause of death for most Native American and Alaska Native females between 40 and 64 years of age; and

WHEREAS, little data exists on the number of missing Native American and Alaska Native women and girls in the United States; and

WHEREAS, challenges in collecting and tracking data prevent a full understanding of the scope of the crisis of missing and murdered native women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed "Savanna's Act," directing the federal Department of Justice to review, revise and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address missing or murdered Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, over 175 tribal, state, regional and national organizations have joined with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center in support of the resolution to create a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Wabanaki tribes continue to positively develop their relationship; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was first recognized by the members of the Legislature in 2019; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize May 5, 2021 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls and to recognize the importance of changes to address the crisis and to increase safety for Native American and Alaska Native women and girls.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.

(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1221

**JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915
TO 1923**

WHEREAS, from April 24, 1915 to 1923, a campaign was launched by the Turkish regime of the Ottoman Empire against the Armenian people; and

WHEREAS, this campaign was an attempt to annihilate the entire Armenian people and resulted in the deaths of more than 1.5 million Armenians; and

WHEREAS, many of the survivors settled in the State of Maine and their heirs have made significant contributions to the State over the last 106 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to join our citizens of Armenian heritage in remembering the 106th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and to express our deepest sympathy to the families of those who perished; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we commemorate April 24, 2021 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day in memory of the victims of the Armenian Genocide and in honor of the survivors and their descendants and urge all citizens of the State to join in this solemn remembrance.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
