

**STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE ADVANCED JOURNAL AND CALENDAR**

Monday, May 9, 2022

SUPPLEMENT NO. 2

**PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE**

**Joint Resolutions**

(1-1) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1542

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
MAY 2022 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the mental health and well-being of all children, youth, adults and families in the State are of fundamental importance to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the national suicide rate has increased more than 30%, with more than 10 million individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts and 1.4 million individuals attempting suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 129 individuals die by suicide in the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, suicide, opioid misuse and addiction and children's mental health issues are areas of concern in the State; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 65,000 adults in the State who are living with a serious mental illness, including, but not limited to, bipolar disorder, severe depression and schizophrenia, and 27.2% of the children in the State have a mental illness, the highest rate of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the effective treatment of mental health conditions is critical to reducing the number of individuals and families who find themselves in mental health crises, to breaking individual and generational cycles of mental illness and to promoting healing; and

WHEREAS, recovery from a mental illness requires access to professional services and involves families and caregivers as allies in recovery and as critical members of the care delivery team; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an open dialogue regarding mental health conditions encourages individuals struggling with mental illness to seek help and is an essential component to fighting the stigma associated with mental illness; 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 May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month in order to raise awareness of mental health conditions and services and to break the stigma surrounding mental illness in the State.

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

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(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1543

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 5, 2022 AS  
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, there are thousands of unsolved cases of missing and murdered Native Americans, including high case rates involving women and girls, including transgender women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the number of these cases is disproportionately high compared to cases among the population of the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, failure to demonstrate the necessary commitment to addressing and preventing this ongoing tragedy fails to honor the dignity and humanity of each person who goes missing or is murdered; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to work with tribal nations to increase coordination among state and tribal entities to investigate and resolve these cases and ensure accountability; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to address the underlying causes of these cases, including sexual violence, human trafficking, domestic violence, violent crime, systemic racism, economic disparities and substance use and addiction, as well as to put in place a support system to bridge the gap for families in crisis and provide opportunities for healing through community-driven approaches; and

WHEREAS, the challenges in tribal communities are best met by solutions that are informed and shaped by tribal leaders and tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, an effective community response plan requires critical partnerships within and timely response from the community, tribal law enforcement and local, state and federal law enforcement; 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 May 5, 2022 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day in order to remember the indigenous people we have lost and commit to working to ensure that any incident of a missing or murdered person is met with swift and effective action.

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

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