

**STATE OF MAINE
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SUPPLEMENT NO. 6

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Resolutions

(1-1) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1338

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING JUNE 2025 AS PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Stonewall riots that began on June 28, 1969 sparked the LGBTQ rights movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during these riots, LGBTQ citizens, led by transgender women of color, rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, in the decades since the Stonewall riots, Pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate this historic turning point for the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, following the 1984 murder of Charlie Howard, a young gay man in Bangor, LGBTQ Mainers came together to form the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, now known as EqualityMaine; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Maine Civil Rights Act was amended to include explicit protections for LGBTQ people, ensuring the law served to protect against bias-based threats, harms and hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, as a national leader for LGBTQ equality, Maine has included protections for LGBTQ people in parentage and antibullying laws; and

WHEREAS, Maine has continued to improve access to relationship equality, passing laws that extend hospital visitation rights to same-sex couples in 1999, require health insurance companies to offer to employers coverage for domestic partnerships in 2001, extend inheritance rights and next of kin status for funeral and burial arrangements and conservator rights to same-sex and unmarried heterosexual couples in 2004 and include domestic partnerships in the law governing family medical leave in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine voted to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in 2005 and in favor of marriage equality in 2012; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Maine was the first state in the nation whose highest court ruled it unlawful for a school district to prohibit a transgender student from accessing the bathroom consistent with that student's gender identity, interpreting for the first time amendments to the Maine Human Rights Act that expanded protections to include sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, Maine has added a nonbinary gender designation for state identification cards and birth certificates, prohibited transgender exclusions in health insurance plans, banned the harmful practice of conversion therapy and secured state-level benefits for veterans who were discharged from the military due to their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ community have served their neighbors and our State as Legislators and local elected officials, leading on countless issues important to the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, despite years of progress, members of the LGBTQ community in the United States and around the world still face discrimination, violence and proposed rollbacks in state and federal protections, and bias-based crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity are on the rise; and

WHEREAS, here in Maine there is a commitment to protecting the civil rights of LGBTQ Mainers and to treating all people fairly and equally and with dignity and respect; 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 June 2025 as Pride Month as we continue to work toward full equality for our LGBTQ family, friends and neighbors.

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

(1-2) The following Joint Resolution:

H.P. 1339

**JOINT RESOLUTION
TO EXPRESS THE LEGISLATURE'S DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
ON THE DEATHS OF MINNESOTA REPRESENTATIVE MELISSA HORTMAN
AND HER HUSBAND MARK HORTMAN**

WHEREAS, we have learned that targeted shootings of two Minnesota state lawmakers took place on the morning of Saturday, June 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were fatally shot inside their home in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota in the early morning; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Senator John A. Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were also shot multiple times in an earlier attack allegedly by the same assailant, but Mr. Hoffman and his wife are expected to survive; and

WHEREAS, a suspect in the shootings has been apprehended; and

WHEREAS, both state lawmakers who were shot served critical roles in the Minnesota State Legislature, with Mrs. Hortman having served as Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives for a six-year period that ended this year and Mr. Hoffman, a fourth-term state senator, chairing the Senate Human Services Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to extend to you, the members of the Minnesota State Legislature, our deepest condolences for the deaths of your colleague State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and we offer our prayers and wishes for the well-being of State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we condemn political violence and wish to express our horror, grief and outrage and our concern for the victims of these shootings; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we extend to you our goodwill and hope for healing and our thanks for your service, and we offer our support in any work you undertake to ameliorate the divisions in our civic life that give rise to these acts of violence.

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

ORDERS**Joint Resolution**

(4-1) On motion by Senator **TALBOT ROSS** of Cumberland, the following Joint Resolution:
S.P. 795

**JOINT RESOLUTION
TO RECOGNIZE THE OBSERVANCE
OF JUNETEENTH ON JUNE 19, 2025**

WHEREAS, for 158 years, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, also known as Emancipation Day, Emancipation Celebration, Freedom Day, Juneteenth Independence Day and Juneteenth, has been one of the most recognized African-American holiday observances in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the South by Union General Gordon Granger, on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, more than 2 1/2 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the determination of the first people from Africa, approximately 11,500,000 of whom survived the awful voyages across the Atlantic and who were brought to this country and enslaved in chattel slavery and whose descendants served as slaves for 200 years before the horrific institution of chattel slavery was abolished; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of chattel slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over a century after the Emancipation Proclamation and after years of informal annual celebration, Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in 2021 by the President of the United States and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, "Until All are Free, None are Free" is an oft-repeated maxim that can be used to highlight the significance of the end of the era of chattel slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Maine in 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the historical significance of Juneteenth in order to advance racial equity, human dignity and justice; 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, recognize the observance of Juneteenth on June 19, 2025, and encourage people in our State to participate in Juneteenth observances.
