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JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND PLANNED APPROACH TO COMMUNITY HEALTH COALITIONS

WHEREAS, health is the result of much more than just medical care. People are healthier when they live in nurturing environments and are involved in the life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Maine citizens have formed Healthy Communities and Planned Approach to Community Health ("PATCH") coalitions across the State to improve the health of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Communities and PATCH coalitions are a broad and sharing network of interrelated groups of citizen volunteers consisting of individuals, families, businesses, schools, churches, health care providers, governments and others with similar concerns and values on health and community issues; and

WHEREAS, Maine is a leader in establishing a network of healthy communities largely due to the effectiveness of the volunteer leaders and organizations in meeting local health needs; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and efforts of the citizen volunteers deserve our highest support and encouragement; now, therefore, be it

That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor the ideals and accomplishments of the Healthy Communities and PATCH coalitions; and be it further

That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention in token of the esteem in which we hold the citizen volunteers of the Healthy Communities and PATCH coalitions.