

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM OUR STATE'S VALUES AND
PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, We, the Members of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, affirm the values and traditions of Maine's people, who throughout history have built strong communities through the principles of common-sense ideas and decency towards one another; and

WHEREAS, we believe that all Maine people have the right to economic opportunity to provide for their family, the right to safe communities to raise their children and the right to participate in our democratic process free from the fear of retribution. The strength of our State depends on our ability to respect one another and foster an environment of civility that encourages diverse ideas; and

WHEREAS, the negative conduct and harmful actions of one do not represent the whole of Maine. We are a state with a proud history of stateswomen and statesmen who, without undermining their values, have risen above partisanship to achieve meaningful progress for Maine's families; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of this State, though we face many challenges, we possess the resources we need to address those challenges when we work together. While we may come from different backgrounds and experiences, we speak with one voice in refusing to accept a political climate based on fear and personal animosity; and

WHEREAS, our State's elected leaders, including our Governor and all members of the Legislature, must be held to the highest standard. We must strive to promote a positive image of Maine and reject intolerance and divisiveness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we pledge to honor the responsibilities entrusted to us by the people of the State. We stand together in our condemnation of all actions and words that undermine the aforementioned fundamental values and the public's trust in our ability to govern. Furthermore, we commit to continue to move forward together in our work for the people of Maine.