

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN**
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**JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE
BOSTON MARATHON EXPLOSIONS**

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2013, multiple explosions at the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon, a horrific act of terrorism, killed at least 3 people and injured more than 175 people; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement's unprecedented response and willingness to put their lives on the line to protect the innocent and bring those responsible to justice is an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, many of the victims of this tragedy, who are both United States citizens and international visitors, are friends and family members of athletes and spectators celebrating community, sport and the intense effort and sacrifice required to qualify for the Boston Marathon; and

WHEREAS, many Americans and people of the world watched with horror as the tragedy occurred and the day progressed; and

WHEREAS, heroic emergency medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, members of the National Guard and other first responders, as well as many marathon participants, volunteers and spectators, saved lives while putting themselves at risk; and

WHEREAS, Maine and Massachusetts have a special historical, economic and cultural relationship, extending back before our Nation's founding, including our mutual celebration of Patriot's Day as a state holiday, and scores of Maine people run in the Boston Marathon every year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, join the people of Maine, the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the rest of the United States in collective sorrow and anguish; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature, stand united with the people of Maine, the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the rest of the United States against violence perpetrated against innocents; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the governors of the State of Maine and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the President of the Massachusetts Senate, the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Mayor of the City of Boston.