

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN**
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JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE'S REALTORS

WHEREAS, the Maine Association of REALTORS® has nearly 4,000 members actively involved in the business of real estate and it has approximately 1,000 affiliate members, including lenders, appraisers, title companies, building inspectors, surveyors and insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit association provides each member with an equal voice and representation in the real estate profession, serving members in all 16 Maine counties and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the benefit that the Maine Association of REALTORS® provides to Maine's economy includes not only the money spent and reinvested in the sale price of a property, but all those services and expenditures that occur in relation to a property transaction, both for a buyer and a seller; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, it is estimated that one job is generated for every 2 home sales and that each home sale contributes about \$60,000 to the economy; and

WHEREAS, the real estate market in Maine is slowly recovering as evidenced by the number of home sales increasing by 17.12% in 2012 and the median price of a home increasing by 3.03%; and

WHEREAS, home ownership has been enhanced by the work in Maine of the public and private sectors to provide housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, expanding home ownership will strengthen our State and its families and communities, enhance our economy and create jobs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to recognize the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its members for their positive contributions and the significant role they have played in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities, and that their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Association of REALTORS® and its 12 local association boards.