

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 2234

S.P. 834

In Senate, May 20, 1999

**An Act to Designate December 3rd as Kate James Day.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and  
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, President LAWRENCE of York,  
PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, MURPHY of Kennebunk,  
SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §136 is enacted to read:**

6 **§136. Kate James Day**

8 December 3rd is designated as Kate James Day, and the  
10 Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging  
12 the people of the State of Maine to observe the day in schools  
14 and other suitable places with appropriate ceremony and  
16 activity. This day commemorates the life of Kate James, who was  
18 born December 3, 1980 and who passed away March 6, 1999 at 18  
years of age while awaiting a double lung transplant. The  
observance is created to make Maine citizens aware of the  
importance of donating organs, which could improve and save  
lives. The Department of Education shall make appropriate  
information available to the people and the schools within the  
limits of its budget.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill designates December 3rd as Kate James Day. The  
24 day commemorates the life of Kate James, who passed away while  
26 awaiting a double lung transplant. The commemorative day is  
created to make citizens aware of the importance of donating  
organs.