

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# *The House Calendar*

*The Advance Journal and Calendar of the House of Representatives*

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**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

26th Legislative Day

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Calling of the House to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Mr. Tom Goulette, Guilford.

National Anthem by Tom Goulette, Guilford.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Honorable Geoffrey M. Gratwick, M.D., Bangor.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 30, 2017.

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*Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House*

*Robert B. Hunt, Clerk*

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**ORDERS**

(4-1) On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 892) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HYMANSON of York, KORNFIELD of Bangor, Senators: BRAKEY of Androscoggin, VOLK of Cumberland)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2017  
AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, autism is a spectrum disorder, which means no 2 people with autism are affected the same way, and it is a complex developmental disability that usually appears during the first 3 years of life and results in a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and social interaction and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in 68 children is diagnosed with this spectrum disorder and prevalence has increased 30% since the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's study in 2008; and

WHEREAS, autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries and neither income nor lifestyle nor education affects its occurrence and it is estimated that more than 3,500,000 people live with autism spectrum disorder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, autism costs the United States over \$236,000,000,000 in annual health care costs, most of which are in adult services, and these costs are anticipated to increase; and

WHEREAS, while a single specific cause of autism is not known, current research links it to biological or neurological differences in the brain, and outdated theories and myths, such as autism being a mental illness, have been proven to be false; and

WHEREAS, with support, people with autism can live full lives and make meaningful contributions to society; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in our deliberations to acknowledge that the month of April 2017 is Autism Awareness Month and to pledge our support and encouragement to all those affected by autism; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Autism Society of Maine as a token of our respect and support.

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