

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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The House Calendar

The Advance Journal and Calendar of the House of Representatives

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

34th Legislative Day

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Calling of the House to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Jonathan Jones, Lisbon Falls Baptist Church.

National Anthem by Messalonskee High School Mastersingers, Oakland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Samantha Deming-Berr, D.O., Hallowell.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House

Robert B. Hunt, Clerk

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ORDERS

(4-1) On motion of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 1064) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, DeCHANT of Bath, FULLER of Lewiston, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec)

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, established by the United States Congress to recognize the more than 360-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans, in the face of unspeakable discrimination and adversity, have fought tirelessly to realize the promise of the nation's founding and their achievements have enriched the country, stirred our conscience and challenged us to extend the miracles of freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have worked to strengthen the promise of religious freedom because their ancestors were tested from the moment they came together and professed their faith, and Jewish Americans continue to teach us empathy and compassion, inspired by their parents and grandparents, who know how it felt to be a stranger, and to stand up for a more perfect union for all; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities continue to confront hostility and bigotry, including in America; and

WHEREAS, our nation shares an obligation to condemn and combat anti-Semitism and hatred wherever it exists and we remain committed to standing against the ugly tide of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including the denial or trivialization of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate the hard-fought progress won through struggle and sacrifice and we rededicate ourselves to building a world where diversity is cherished and faith is protected; 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, recognize May 2017 as Jewish American Heritage Month and take this opportunity to urge the citizens of the State to observe Jewish American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.
