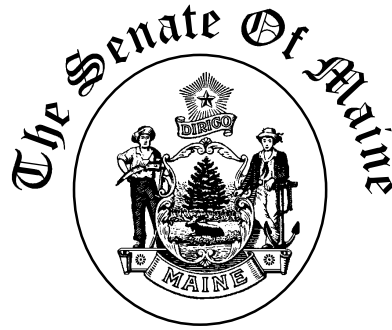


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**One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session**

Advance Journal and Calendar

34th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Senate called to Order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County.

Prayer by Pastor Rick Stoops, First United Pentecostal Church in Augusta.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Shenna Lee Bellows of Kennebec County.

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

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

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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Joint Resolution

(4-5) On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland (Cosponsored by Senators: **BREEN** of Cumberland, **CARPENTER** of Aroostook, **DESCHAMBAULT** of York, **DIAMOND** of Cumberland, **HILL** of York, **JACKSON** of Aroostook, **LIBBY** of Androscoggin, **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 542

**STATE OF MAINE
128TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD
ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the State; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, 3,247 Maine children were victims of substantiated child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our communities and our State, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in all our communities; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims; and

WHEREAS, "protective factors" are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk in families and communities and promote the social, emotional and developmental well-being of children and families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community-based and faith-based organizations and businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a state to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families; 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, take this opportunity to recognize April 2017 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.
