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ORDERS

Joint Resolution

(4-1) On motion by Senator **VITELLI** of Sagadahoc (Cosponsored by Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook), the following Joint Resolution:

S.P. 674

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN**

—
**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 26TH AS EITC
AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 26, 2018 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, 4 of 5 people eligible for the credit claim it, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CA\$H Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, CA\$H Maine has also educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce debt and build savings; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,300,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$4,700,000 in earned income tax credits, returning over \$20,500,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 26, 2018 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.
