

**STATE OF MAINE**

—  
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN**  
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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARINE PATROL  
OFFICERS FOR THEIR RESCUE AND LIFESAVING ACTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Maine Marine Patrol is responsible for the investigative and protective services work of the Department of Marine Resources, enforcing the State's marine resources conservation laws, rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maine Marine Patrol is responsible for patrolling the coast of Maine by land and aboard patrol vessels, protecting marine resources, coastal property and the public as the Maine Marine Patrol enforces applicable laws and investigates complaints and incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, marine patrol officers are highly trained professionals who undergo an extensive, thorough and time-consuming examination process; and

**WHEREAS**, a marine patrol officer must have knowledge of the laws and rules of the State, knowledge of search and rescue methods and knowledge of fish and marine life and their environment and habits in Maine coastal waters; and

**WHEREAS**, in a marine patrol officer's capacity as a law enforcement agent, an officer must show ability to use and maintain firearms, to communicate effectively, to endure strenuous physical activity and to quickly assess available facts and make sound decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, marine patrol officers serve our State proudly, protect our quality of life and exemplify the best character of our citizens, often putting their own lives at risk in public service; and

**WHEREAS**, we take this opportunity to salute the following marine patrol officers for their heroic rescue and lifesaving actions:

Marine Patrol Sergeant Russell Wright, of Lubec;

Marine Patrol Specialist Mark Murry, of Marshfield;

Marine Patrol Officer Wesley Dean, of Warren;

Marine Patrol Officer Brian Brodie, of Lubec;

Marine Patrol Officer Benjamin Burnes, of Wells;

Marine Patrol Officer Brian Tolman, of West Rockport; and

Marine Patrol Specialist Corrie Roberts, of Lincolnville; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the heroic actions of marine patrol officers and the dedication, commitment and efforts of these public servants; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we extend our appreciation to all the men and women who serve as marine patrol officers for their dedication to the people and to the State; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Department of Marine Resources and to the individuals we recognize.