## **STATE OF MAINE**

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

## TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

## JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ON HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY DAY THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE LEWISTON SHOOTING RESPONSE

**WHEREAS**, February 1st is observed as Health Care Advocacy Day by the Maine Public Health Association; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 25, 2023, a mass shooting in Lewiston took the lives of 18 people and injured 13 others; and

**WHEREAS,** the shooting affected the lives of innumerable family members, friends, partners and community members in Lewiston and throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Maine health care professionals, including emergency medical services workers, rehabilitation health care workers and mental health care workers, have continued to work tirelessly to support survivors and family members affected by the Lewiston shooting; and

WHEREAS, Maine health care professionals will continue to support Lewiston community members as they heal from the tragic shooting; and

WHEREAS, we owe these individuals a deep debt of gratitude for the critically important work they have been doing every day since the tragedy and the support they continue to provide to the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize on Health Care Advocacy Day the health care professionals who have been a part of the Lewiston shooting response and thank them for their commitment to serving the people of Maine.