

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**
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**JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ERECTING A
MONUMENT TO MAINE TROOPS WHO FOUGHT IN THE
SHENANDOAH VALLEY IN VIRGINIA DURING THE CIVIL WAR**

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, approximately 80,000 men from Maine served in the United States military as soldiers and sailors; and

WHEREAS, Maine contributed a higher proportion of its citizens to the Union armies than any other state and supplied extensive equipment and stores; and

WHEREAS, at the Third Battle of Winchester, which was fought on September 19, 1864 in Virginia, more than 2,000 Maine soldiers fought and more than 230 were casualties; and

WHEREAS, in the 1864 Shenandoah Valley campaign, 68 Maine soldiers were killed, 466 were wounded and 131 were reported missing; and

WHEREAS, several hundred Maine soldiers are buried at the Winchester National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no permanent monument to the sacrifice of these Maine heroes, either at Winchester or at any other battlefield in the Shenandoah Valley; and

WHEREAS, there is a private effort in conjunction with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation to raise the funds needed to purchase and install a stone memorial to Maine's contribution at the Third Battle of Winchester that would be dedicated to all Maine soldiers who fought in the Shenandoah Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to show our support for erecting a monument to those Maine troops who fought in the Shenandoah Valley; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.