

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**
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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 11, 2019 AS LETTER
CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY**

WHEREAS, hunger affects millions of people nationwide, including children, seniors and military veterans, and thousands of households in Maine struggle to provide food for their families; and

WHEREAS, holiday donations to food banks and pantries often run low as spring nears; and

WHEREAS, when school nutrition programs end in the summer, families with school-age children that use these programs must often find alternate sources of food; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive collected 71.6 million pounds of food, which was distributed locally in the communities in which it was collected, and in Maine letter carriers collected 389,000 pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association work to end the challenges of hunger in Maine and across the country through the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2019, the 2nd Saturday in May, a time of the year when donations are much needed, letter carriers will collect food donations to be distributed to food banks and pantries; 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 recognize Saturday, May 11, 2019 as Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day in Maine and urge all citizens of the State to join in support of this special observance.