

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 2, 2023

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a -16d

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in the member's chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 22

House concurrent resolution recognizing July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designating July 21, 2023 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

Whereas, Vermont's park and recreation programs are an integral part of our State and local communities, and

Whereas, their presence in a community promotes an active life style, offers environmental protection, and serves as an economic resource, and

Whereas, park and recreation programs support the effectiveness of therapeutic recreational services for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, in 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association established July as Park and Recreation Month, and, in 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution endorsing this national celebration of our nation's parks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont and designates July 21, 2023 as Vermont Park and Recreation Professionals Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.

H.C.R. 23

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of mental health treatment in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Andriano of Orwell, Berbeco of Winooski, Goldman of Rockingham, and Houghton of Essex Junction

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “[m]ental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being....[It] is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood,” and the organization Mental Health America has compiled recent data documenting the broad societal impact of individuals’ mental health, and

Whereas, according to the compiled data, nearly 50 million American adults experienced some form of mental illness, and more than 50 percent of these individuals did not receive any treatment, and in Vermont, the parallel numbers were 112,000 and 42.6 percent, and

Whereas, an estimated 29,000 adult Vermonters have seriously considered suicide, and

Whereas, among Vermont youth (12–17 years of age), approximately 7,000 have experienced a major depressive episode, and, of these persons, roughly 3,000 did not receive treatment, and

Whereas, for youth experiencing psychiatric distress, and who are temporarily placed in a hospital’s emergency room, the immediate situation is extremely challenging, and

Whereas, if Vermont focuses on promotion, prevention, and intervention through community-based mental health services, this strategy will help improve the lives of Vermonters who are experiencing some form of mental illness, and

Whereas, on January 30, 2023, concerned Vermonters coalesced, under the auspices of Mental Health Advocacy Day, to rally for greater attention to Vermonters’ need for better mental health support services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of mental health awareness in Vermont.