

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 25, 2024

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. 142

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Patt of Worcester

Offered by: Senator Ram Hinsdale

Whereas, the Holocaust refers to Nazi Germany's annihilation during the Second World War of six million Jews, as well as millions of others, including Romas, LGBTQ persons, persons with disabilities, political dissidents, and members of other targeted populations, and

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly has designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a date selected in recognition of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp and as a special memorial to the millions of Holocaust victims, and

Whereas, International Holocaust Remembrance Day was established to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world, and the Vermont Holocaust Memorial in Jeffersonville is dedicated to the expansion of Holocaust education in Vermont, and

Whereas, since 2010, there has been a specific theme for each year's observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and in 2024 the theme is the Fragility of Freedom, emphasizing that "those who are targeted for persecution have had their freedom restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered," and

Whereas, according to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), between October 7 and December 7, 2023, there were 2,031 recorded antisemitic incidents in the United States, representing a 337 percent increase over the same period in 2022, a year that saw the largest number of such incidents since the ADL began tracking this data in 1979, and

Whereas, these figures highlight the importance of the educational initiatives of organizations such as the Vermont Holocaust Memorial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Holocaust Memorial.

H.C.R. 143

House concurrent resolution designating January 31, 2024 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Cordes of Lincoln, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, and Houghton of Essex Junction

Whereas, without any discrimination, all Vermonters are entitled to receive the highest attainable quality of health care, including mental health care, and

Whereas, 1997 Acts and Resolves No. 25, Sec. 2, codified as 8 V.S.A. § 4089b, established that the treatment of an individual's mental health must be on par with that person's physical health care, and

Whereas, mental health care must be provided in a manner that does not result in any form of stigma, prejudice, violence, social exclusion, segregation, or unnecessary institutionalization, and

Whereas, all mental health treatment practices should respect an individual's autonomy, dignity, personal preferences, and will, and they must not constitute or lead to violations and abuses of human rights or fundamental freedoms, and

Whereas, mental health support and related community services should integrate a human rights perspective in order to avoid harm to any individuals availing themselves of these services, and

Whereas, today, January 31, 2024, individuals are visiting the State House seeking to remind the General Assembly of the fundamental importance of providing Vermonters with mental health care that equals in every respect the quality of care provided to individuals with any other health conditions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 31, 2024 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the mental health advocacy organizations present today in the State House.