

**No. R-439. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain United Way on its 40th anniversary.**

(S.C.R.43)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Ancel of Calais, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, French of Randolph, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Myers of Essex, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Quimby of Concord, Ryerson of Randolph, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toll of Danville, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Young of Glover,

*Whereas*, the Green Mountain United Way (GMUW) serves the residents of Washington, Caledonia, Essex, Orange, and Orleans Counties, and

*Whereas*, the mission of the GMUW is to mobilize “communities to create lasting changes in local conditions that will improve lives,” and

*Whereas*, the vision of GMUW is to energize and inspire people, craft human care agendas, build coalitions around these agendas, and reflect the diversity of the communities in GMUW’s geographic region, and

*Whereas*, GMUW seeks to “increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another,” and

*Whereas*, the organization is committed to being “effective, efficient and good stewards of donors’ investments,” and

*Whereas*, GMUW focuses on four broad policy support areas: financial stability, healthy living, early living, and basic needs, and

*Whereas*, determination of which programs should receive GMUW support is based on collaboration with nonprofits, “government agencies, businesses, faith-based groups, the media and volunteers,” and

*Whereas*, because GMUW is fundraising in one combined campaign, recipient organizations can focus on their own programmatic activities, and

*Whereas*, the many organizations and individuals that benefit from GMUW financing are appreciative of the support they receive, and

*Whereas*, in 2016, GMUW is observing its 40th anniversary and looking forward to serving Vermont communities for many years into the future, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Green Mountain United Way on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Barre office of the Green Mountain United Way.