

.NO. R-61. JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 17, 2009 AS VERMONT PUMPKIN CARVING DAY.

(J.R.H.8)

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Hube of Londonderry and Komline of Dorset

Whereas, the carving and displaying of pumpkins are nearly as symbolic of October in Vermont as the countryside's colorful pageantry of leaves, and

Whereas, in October 2006, the first Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day was conducted in Manchester and, in 2007, and again in 2008, the general assembly extended its official recognition to each year's festive fall gathering, and

Whereas, after several successful pumpkin carving celebrations in the town of Manchester, it is now an ideal time to extend statewide this exciting prelude to the holiday season, and

Whereas, the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce is inviting every Vermont town to stage a pumpkin carving event that will serve as a substantial local economic driver, and

Whereas, in order to celebrate the art of pumpkin carving, and as an incentive to encourage the economically important Columbus Day holiday weekend visitors to linger in Vermont just a little longer, a mid-October statewide pumpkin carving day would encourage other communities to conduct pumpkin carving festivities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That this legislative body designates Saturday, October 17, 2009 as statewide pumpkin carving day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Executive Director Jay Hathaway of the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce, to Interim President and Director Chris Barbieri of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, to Executive Director Steve Jeffrey of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Inc., to Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets Roger Allbee, and to Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing Bruce Hyde.