

No. R-145. House concurrent resolution honoring employees of municipal public works departments and designating May 15–21, 2011 as Public Works Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.93)

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Atkins of Winooski, Deen of Westminster, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Komline of Dorset, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of Randolph and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, much of the highway and bridge network in Vermont is municipally owned, and the responsibility for its maintenance is assigned to local public works departments, and

Whereas, local public works departments perform outstanding work to maintain the infrastructure that enables Vermonters to drive their cars without concern that the surface roadway is not properly maintained, and

Whereas, when extremely inclement weather strikes, such as a severe snowstorm or a thunderstorm whose elements include high-velocity winds, municipal public works departments' crews are called upon to perform near-heroic tasks under the worst possible climatic conditions and not infrequently in the middle of the night, and

Whereas, these special but essential jobs can range from removing snow from the highway while blowing drifts are inhibiting steady progress to supporting utility crews removing trees entangled in dangerously electrified cables, and

Whereas, once again, public works employees performed an exemplary job when tackling a major Groundhog Day snowstorm on February 2, 2011, and

Whereas, on May 11, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association will hold its annual Equipment Show and Field Day at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, local public works departments' crews from across Vermont will attend this showcase of modern maintenance and proudly demonstrate their ability to use their equipment most effectively, and

Whereas, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association event also serves as an opportunity for vendors to display new products that public works departments' staff can examine and consider purchasing, and

Whereas, May is also an important month for these dedicated municipal employees as the week of May 15–21, 2011 is being observed as Public Works Week in order to recognize these all-too-often unsung heroes who maintain highways, bridges, and other essential municipal infrastructure 365 days a year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's outstanding employees of municipal public works departments and designates May 15–21 as Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen.