

No. R-404. House concurrent resolution designating Saturday, November 1, 2014 as the Button Up Vermont Day of Action.

(H.C.R.294)

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Spengler of Colchester, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Vowinkel of Hartford, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Vermont has made a statutory goal of improving the efficiency of 80,000 Vermont homes by the year 2020, and

Whereas, paralleling this energy efficiency goal, the General Assembly enacted greenhouse gas reduction goals intended to enable Vermont to avoid the worst consequences of climate change and lower its dependence on nonrenewable energy supplies, and

Whereas, improving the energy efficiency of Vermont's homes and buildings is one of the most effective ways the State can reduce climate-change-causing greenhouse gas emissions, and

Whereas, at current fuel prices, comprehensive home energy efficiency improvements can save homeowners an average of \$1,000.00 per year, and

Whereas, Vermont has an active network of more than 100 town energy committees working to advance energy efficiency solutions and make their communities more sustainable, prosperous, and resilient, and

Whereas, following the model of Green Up Day, the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, Efficiency Vermont, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad, the Vermont Energy Education Program, and other organizations have established a continuing ethic and a commemorative event to be called Button Up Day to inspire and motivate Vermonters to take proactive energy-efficiency steps and to weatherize their homes in the fall, and

Whereas, the first Button Up Day of Action is Saturday, November 1, 2014, and it will encourage the essential partnership of all Vermonters in the promotion of energy efficiency and help friends and neighbors reduce personal energy use and save money, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, November 1, 2014 as the 2014 Button Up Vermont Day of Action, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Natural Resources Council.