

# State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

## Senate Resolution

By Senators Mullin, Flory, and French,

**S.R. 10.** Senate resolution relating to expressing support for the continuation of the Vermont State Fair.

*Whereas*, the Vermont State Fair has a proud history dating to 1846 when the first Rutland Fair, a one-day event, was held on a field near Castleton, and

*Whereas*, after migrating to different locations near Rutland City, the Rutland Fair settled at its present home in 1859, the site then known as Rutland County Park, and

*Whereas*, the deed for this land requires that an agricultural fair be held on the property once a year, and

*Whereas*, as the popularity and scope of the Rutland Fair grew, the Fair's duration was extended, first to two and then to three days, and by 1933 it had become a six-day event, attracting crowds from across Vermont and out of state, and

*Whereas*, the resiliency of the Rutland Fair was demonstrated in 1939 when a grandstand destroyed by fire was rebuilt in just 40 days, and

*Whereas*, the Rutland Fair's statewide agricultural and cultural roles were formally acknowledged in 1972 when it was renamed the Vermont State Fair, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont State Fair provides an annual boost to the local economy in Rutland and to the State of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, the Rutland County Agricultural Society (RCAS) is the governing organization of the Vermont State Fair, and

*Whereas*, internal management difficulties at the RCAS have required the appointment of a new interim president-general manager and the initiation of a comprehensive internal audit, and

*Whereas*, the problems the RCAS now confronts are serious and could place the future of the Vermont State Fair in jeopardy, and

*Whereas*, the leadership of the RCAS is taking responsible steps to resolve the current difficulties and enable the Vermont State Fair to continue welcoming fairgoers each summer, and

*Whereas*, patience during this challenging transition period and expressions of public support will assist the RCAS as it works carefully, but optimistically, to keep the Vermont State Fair open, *now therefore be it*

### ***Resolved by the Senate:***

That the Senate of the State of Vermont expresses its support for the continuation of the Vermont State Fair, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rutland County Agricultural Society.