

No. R-32. House concurrent resolution designating January 25, 2019 as Vermont Pharmacists Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.25)

Offered by: Representative Patt of Worcester

Whereas, the health of our citizens makes Vermont a great place to live, and

Whereas, despite access to healthcare, Vermonters still struggle with the high cost of insurance, and

Whereas, Vermont seeks innovative health reforms to allow its citizenry to remain healthy and insurance to remain affordable, and

Whereas, the State anticipates a growing need for midlevel healthcare providers, and pharmacists remain the most accessible healthcare providers, and

Whereas, the current entry-level doctoral degree required to qualify as a licensed Vermont pharmacist far exceeds the educational requirements of current midlevel providers, and

Whereas, a Department of Vermont Health Access pilot project documented that when community pharmacists are authorized to practice as midlevel providers they can improve blood sugars and help lower both blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and

Whereas, 21st-century pharmacists are trained and prepared to keep Vermont one of the healthiest states in the nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 25, 2019 as Vermont Pharmacists Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Pharmacists Association.