Whereas, in March of 2020, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted our lives and communities, and the PreK–12 educational system was especially hard-hit, and

Whereas, the importance of wearing a facial covering to decrease the spread of the coronavirus that triggers COVID-19 has been medically recognized, and wearing a facial covering is crucial for the safe resumption of in-person school instruction, and

Whereas, Governor Scott amended Executive Order No. 01-20 to require the wearing of a facial covering in indoor and outdoor public locations when it is not possible to socially distance, and

Whereas, the successful in-person reopening of PreK–12 classrooms will require that all Vermonters faithfully adhere to this facial covering directive, and

Whereas, an official statewide celebration of mask use will serve as an important and timely reminder of this necessity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates October 6, 2020 as Vermont Mask Day.