State of Vermont
House of Representatives

Montpelier, Vermont
House Resolution

H.R. 19

House resolution extending the House declaring a state of emergency
Offered by the Committee on Rules

Whereas Governor Philip B Scott declared a state of emergency with
regards to the COVID-19 pandemic until May 15, 2020, and

Whereas the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines for
people to maintain a safe social distance of six feet and minimize gatherings to
reduce the infection rates of COVID-19, and

Whereas the separation of powers between branches of government
necessitates the Governor’s Declaration of Emergency does not include the
Legislative Branch, and

Whereas the House of Representatives must meet in order to address the
needs of Vermonters and confront the threat of COVID-19 to the State of
Vermont, and

Whereas the House must complete its business in the safest manner possible
to prevent the spread of COVID-19, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That based on the Governor’s declared state of emergency, Center for
Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and protecting the safety of Vermonters, the
House of Representatives declares that there is a state of emergency until May
31, 2020 for its rules and procedures.