

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



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Senate Resolution

By Senators Ram, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Brock, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingalls, Kitchel, MacDonald, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Parent, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Terenzini, Westman and White,

S.R. 11. Senate resolution honoring the memory of George Floyd by designating May 25, 2021 as a Day of Remembrance and Action.

Whereas, on May 25, 2020, four Minneapolis police officers, including Derek Chauvin, responded to a call that George Floyd, a Black man, was attempting to pay for a purchase with counterfeit currency, and

Whereas, despite George Floyd's pleas, Officer Chauvin knelt on George Floyd's neck unabated for more than nine minutes, and he became unresponsive and died, and

Whereas, Officer Chauvin was charged with third-degree murder, second-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter, and

Whereas, on April 20, 2021, a Minnesota trial court jury found Officer Chauvin guilty of all three charges, and

Whereas, this verdict offers a historic opportunity for our nation and State to adopt a new course towards the administration of justice that is sensitive to America's racial diversity and the historic and continuing tensions between Americans who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color and the law enforcement community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Vermont:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont honors the memory of George Floyd by designating May 25, 2021 as a Day of Remembrance and Action, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Human Rights Commission, the Executive Director of Racial Equity, the Vermont chapters of the NAACP, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation, the George Floyd Memorial Foundation, and the family of George Floyd.