

**No. R-111. House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of April 16–22 as Volunteer Week in Vermont and celebrating Vermont’s volunteers.**

(H.C.R.88)

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, according to AmeriCorps, in 2021, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 310,000 Vermonters helped their neighbors, reflecting a special spirit of mutual support at an especially stressful time, and

Whereas, the scope of volunteering varied, from the 29.1 percent of the State’s residents (over 150,000 persons) who volunteered a total of 10.7 million hours through an organization and contributed more than \$300 million in economic value to the State to the 97.2 percent of Vermonters who spoke or spent time with family or friends, and

Whereas, half of all Vermonters demonstrated support for their neighbors in need through charitable donations, and

Whereas, a dedicated contingent of Vermonters 55 years of age and older volunteers with the State’s four regional Senior Corps–RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) agencies (RSVP Rutland/Addison County, the Green Mountain RSVP, the United Way of Northwestern Vermont RSVP, and the RSVP for Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom, which is under the auspices of the Central Vermont Council on Aging), and

Whereas, these volunteers serve as drivers for Meals on Wheels, medical appointments, errands, and food shopping; assist at food shelves, historical societies, libraries, and museums; lead exercise classes and assist with other wellness activities; and provide vital senior companionship, and they merit a special expression of gratitude, and

Whereas, April is Global Volunteer Month and the week of April 16–22 is National Volunteer Week, and similar Vermont recognition is warranted, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of April 16–22 as Volunteer Week in Vermont and celebrates Vermont’s volunteers, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to SerVermont and each of the four RSVP programs in Vermont.