

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE AND HOUSE  
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**



**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16**

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office and/or the House Clerk's Office, respectively.

**S.C.R. 8.**

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson,

By Representatives Anthony of Barre City, Casey of Montpelier, McCann of Montpelier, and Williams of Barre City,

**S.C.R. 8.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring those who assumed summer 2023 flood recovery leadership roles in Montpelier and Barre City.

*Whereas*, on July 10 and 11, 2023, the cities of Montpelier and Barre experienced historically severe flooding, and

*Whereas*, in each city, the responses to this natural disaster were immediate and innovative, establishing effective collaborative partnerships between nonprofit organizations, foundations, and numerous volunteers, and

*Whereas*, in the City of Montpelier, three individuals—Katie Trautz, the Executive Director of Montpelier Alive, a nonprofit downtown support organization; Alec Ellsworth, the Montpelier Parks and Trees Director; and Peter Walke, the Efficiency Vermont Managing Director and former Montpelier Alive Board member who has disaster response experience—rapidly created an amazing leadership team that oversaw nearly 4,000 supportive volunteers, and the team formed a Flood Response Hub located in downtown Montpelier, which also served several neighboring communities, and

*Whereas*, a special element of the Hub's activities was the contribution of the Montpelier Youth Conservation Corps under the direction of Alec Ellsworth, with participation from young Vermonters Ella Thomas, Mayla Landis-Marinello, Finley Torrens-Martin, Abdul Wahab Majboor, Ryaz Rahman, Cadence Tyler, Cole Saunders, Nicholas Robertson, Joseph Ferris, Ethan Borland, Jasper Turner, Lena Donofrio, Ben Wetherell, Anna Blackburn, Charlie Watt, Leila Faulstich-Hon, and James Marino, and

*Whereas*, in Barre City, the Rainbow Bridge Community Center formed a Rainbow Response Team that collected essential supplies for flood-ravaged

residents and businesses, held an art auction to raise monies for relief assistance, and formed the Rainbow Relief Fund to finance flood assistance and future climate change support efforts in Barre City and throughout central Vermont, and

*Whereas*, residents and leaders of many community organizations in Barre City formed the Barre Up project to address the flood crisis and its victims, and

*Whereas*, the Barre Community Relief Fund was an important monetary resource for supporting the impacted residents of Barre City, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors those who assumed summer 2023 flood recovery leadership roles in Montpelier and Barre City, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each organization and individual listed in this resolution.

**S.C.R. 9.**

By Senator Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson,

By Representative Casey of Montpelier and McCann of Montpelier,

**S.C.R. 9.** Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the chartering of the National Life Insurance Company.

*Whereas*, the future importance of the National Life Insurance Company was demonstrated on November 13, 1848, when Governor Carlos Coolidge vetoed the first bill chartering the corporation because the measure lacked a legislative amendment or repeal clause, and on the same date, the General Assembly adopted a corrected measure (Act 22), which the governor signed immediately, and

*Whereas*, the National Life Insurance Company (today operating as the National Life Group) was established for “making insurance on single lives, joint lives and survivorship, and for making revisionary payments,” and

*Whereas*, among the distinguished original incorporators were the American statesman Henry Clay and former Maine Governor Robert P. Dunlap, and

*Whereas*, on January 17, 1850, the original National Life policy was written on behalf of Daniel Baldwin, and the beneficiaries of Rowland Allen were recipients of the company’s first payment, and

*Whereas*, the National Life Insurance Company “inspire[s] others to do their best,” a theme that was ably demonstrated in July 2023 after the devastating Vermont flood, when the company hosted a telethon that raised contributions exceeding \$1.7 million, including a \$750,000 National Life donation, and

*Whereas*, in 2024, the National Life Insurance Company conducts business in every state, is a Fortune 1000 company, employs over 700 Vermonters, and serves over one million customers, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly commemorates the 175th anniversary of the chartering of the National Life Insurance Company, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to National Life Group Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer Matt Frazee.