

State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Montpelier, Vermont



House Resolution

H.R. 17

House resolution expressing genuine appreciation and strong support for the work of SerVermont

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, in 1990, Congress enacted the National and Community Service Act, Pub. L. No. 101-610, to “(1) renew the ethic of civic responsibility in the United States; [and] (2) ask citizens of the United States, regardless of age or income, to engage in full-time or part-time service to the Nation,” and

Whereas, the National Community and Service Trust Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-82, amended the 1990 law to “build on the existing organizational service infrastructure of Federal, State, and local programs and agencies to expand full-time and part-time service opportunities for all citizens,” and

Whereas, Pub. L. No. 103-82 established the Corporation for National and Community Service and reconstituted the corresponding state commissions, and, on November 30, 1993, Governor Howard Dean issued Executive Order 09-98, establishing SerVermont (Vermont’s state commission), and

Whereas, in 2023, SerVermont was the recipient of \$6.3 million in federal funds, and, through the public-private partnership that the National Community and Service Trust Act formulated, an additional \$2.3 million in corporate, foundation, and other public money was generated to support the volunteer initiatives under SerVermont’s jurisdiction, and

Whereas, in 2023, 2,307 persons volunteered at 389 service locations on projects overseen by SerVermont, including those at “schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans’ facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations,” and

Whereas, volunteer initiatives in response to the major July 2023 floods epitomize the broad community benefits derived from these initiatives, and

Whereas, the work of SerVermont is to be encouraged, as it significantly enhances individual lives, nonprofits, and public institutions, as well as the overall fabric of Vermont society, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body expresses genuine appreciation and strong support for the work of SerVermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to SerVermont.