

No. R-86. House concurrent resolution celebrating the role of tourism in the Vermont economy and designating April 10, 2025 as Tourism Economy Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.66)

Offered by Representatives Duke of Burlington, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex Junction, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, Micklus of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, Waszazak of Barre City, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Clarkson, Douglass, Harrison, Hart, Ingalls, Major, Plunkett, Weeks, Westman, White, and Williams

Whereas, Vermont is a global destination for outdoor recreation, dining, lodging, art, and history, and this creates business opportunities, attracts new residents, and incentivizes Vermonters to stay, and

Whereas, our State's tourism industry has a \$4 billion economic impact and constitutes over 10 percent of Vermont's workforce, and

Whereas, in 2023, 15.8 million people visited Vermont, contributing an estimated \$282.3 million in State and local taxes, and

Whereas, tourism and hospitality are among the largest industries in Vermont, constituting over 30,000 jobs, and

Whereas, meaningful representation and inclusion ensure that Vermont is welcoming to all, enabling everyone to experience the joy of visiting the State regardless of background, and

Whereas, industry leaders who center community values in their work embody the ideal of destination leadership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the role of tourism in the Vermont economy and designates April 10, 2025 as Tourism Economy Day at the State House, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Ski Vermont, and the Department of Tourism and Marketing.