

No. R-152. House concurrent resolution designating May 6, 2025 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.128)

Offered by Representatives McGill of Bridport, Arsenault of Williston, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Tomlinson of Winooski, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, the unhoused are our neighbors, community members, parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities, and

Whereas, the 2024 Point-in-Time Count report found that 3,458 Vermonters, including 737 children, were without secure housing, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency's most recent Vermont Housing Needs Assessment, by 2029, Vermont will need 3,295 homes to address homelessness and 3,957 homes to normalize vacancy rates, and

Whereas, on an evening in April 2025, Vermont's statewide shelter capacity was 655 households, and all were full, and in addition, there were 1,424 homeless adults and 467 children housed through the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program, and

Whereas, Black Vermonters are significantly less likely to own their home and are unhoused at a staggering rate compared with White Vermonters, and

Whereas, since 2020, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board has invested in affordable housing initiatives that have created 1,964 new rental units and 170 new homes for sale, and supported 1,077 lots across 11 manufactured home communities, and

Whereas, today, May 6, 2025, individuals concerned with the issues associated with unhoused Vermonters are visiting the State House to inform legislators on the impact of homelessness on life in the State of Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 6, 2025 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Housing and Homelessness Alliance of Vermont.