

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 12, 2026**

### **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a -16d**

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in the member's chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable.

#### **H.C.R. 193**

Offered by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Greer of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution in memory of Bennington Town Manager Stuart Alan Hurd

*Whereas*, during his over half-century of innovative municipal public service in the Town of Bennington, Stuart Hurd adeptly applied the hands-on problem-solving skills that he had studied as a civil engineering student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and

*Whereas*, in 1973, while visiting a friend in Vermont, the Connecticut native read a job announcement from the Town of Bennington seeking the community's first zoning administrator, and his hiring benefitted the future of Bennington in ways never imagined, and

*Whereas*, having proven an effective zoning administrator, the Bennington Selectboard subsequently chose Stuart Hurd to serve as assistant town manager and, ultimately, in 1992, named him town manager, launching a historic tenure in this role that lasted for nearly 33 years, only 18 months short of the State's longevity record for a town manager, and

*Whereas*, Stuart Hurd was known for his unparalleled dedication to the community and for his calm demeanor, and

*Whereas*, in 2008, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns honored him with its prestigious Vermont Municipal Service Award, and

*Whereas*, Stuart Hurd's community leadership included roles on the former Bennington School District Board and with local nonprofit organizations, and

*Whereas*, outside his professional life, Stuart Hurd embraced the arts, including as an amateur watercolorist who created Christmas cards; enthusiastically played in Bennington's men's basketball and softball leagues; enjoyed international travel; and spent quality time with his family, and

*Whereas*, Stuart Hurd died at 77 years of age on August 30, 2025, following a four-year battle against cancer, and his survivors include his spouse, D. Justine Scanlon; and in his honor, the Town of Bennington flew the municipality's flags at half-mast for five days, representing each of his five decades of exemplary municipal public employment, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family and colleagues of Bennington Town Manager Stuart Alan Hurd, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Stuart Hurd and the Town of Bennington.

**H.C.R. 194**

Offered by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Greer of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

House concurrent resolution in memory of North Bennington educator, coach, volunteer firefighter, and religious leader Robert P. Nolan

*Whereas*, Bob Nolan graduated from North Bennington High School, attended the University of Vermont, earned a bachelor's degree in education from the former Castleton State College, and served in the U.S. Army, and

*Whereas*, for three decades, he was a respected sixth-grade teacher at North Bennington Elementary School, but his involvement with local youth extended beyond the classroom to many athletic fields, drawing on his experience as a college sportsman, and

*Whereas*, at North Bennington High School, Bob Nolan coached basketball, cross-country, and track, and aside from school sports, he coached PONY league baseball, assisted with American Legion Baseball, and organized church youth group basketball competitions, and

*Whereas*, perhaps Bob Nolan's most impactful civic role in North Bennington was his 70-year volunteer membership in the North Bennington Fire Department, including 40 years as the organization's dedicated president, overseeing administrative matters, dousing many a blaze, and attending to other emergencies, and

*Whereas*, his leadership roles at the North Bennington Congregational Church included trustee, deacon, moderator, and occasionally serving as the congregation's lay minister, and

*Whereas*, later in life, Bob Nolan developed a second career as a house painter, and

*Whereas*, he loved to hunt and fish, was actively involved as both a volunteer and manager in the preservation and supervision of Lake Paran as a community resource, and was a member of both the Loyal Order of Moose and the American Legion, and

*Whereas*, Bob Nolan, a cherished citizen of North Bennington, and a man with a great sense of humor who truly made the village a better place to live, died at 93 years of age on October 11, 2025, and his survivors include his wife of 72 years, Florence; his children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchild, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Robert P. Nolan, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Bob Nolan.

**H.C.R. 195**

Offered by Representatives Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Boutin of Barre City, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Emmons of Springfield, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, Taylor of Mendon, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House concurrent resolution designating February 2026 as School Board Appreciation Month in Vermont

*Whereas*, perhaps no other category of elected officials is subject to more exacting scrutiny than locally elected school board members, and

*Whereas*, service on a local school board involves working directly with students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the broader taxpaying public, and

*Whereas*, on behalf of their respective districts, school board members must design sustainable budgets, which provide the best educational opportunities for students, while addressing the realities of a district's financial limitations, goals that can be in conflict, and

*Whereas*, navigating this challenge is a major civic responsibility that dedicated school board members perform as they carefully weigh all the factors involved in reaching the consequential decisions that affect their communities, and

*Whereas*, the still-uncertain ramifications arising from the General Assembly's adoption of 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, the recently enacted public education governance legislation, will pose new challenges for school board members across the State, and

*Whereas*, school board members are elected officials who receive far less appreciation and thanks than they merit for their demanding and essential public service, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly designates February 2026 as School Board Appreciation Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Board Association.

**H.C.R. 196**

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

House concurrent resolution honoring U.S. Army Major General and Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight on his exemplary service on behalf of our State and nation

*Whereas*, the military and civilian careers of Gregory Knight represent the best attributes of public service and patriotism, and his 43 years in uniform commenced in 1983 with a six-year U.S. Coast Guard enlistment, and

*Whereas*, upon leaving the U.S. Coast Guard, Gregory Knight served for four years as a Burlington police officer and then seven years as the Chief Liquor Investigator at the former Department of Liquor Control, and

*Whereas*, concurrently, for seven years, he was an enlisted member of the Vermont Air National Guard, working as a security forces specialist, drawing on his law enforcement expertise, and

*Whereas*, in 1997, the trajectory of his military service assumed a new path; he was a commissioned graduate of Officer Candidate School, for three years he served as a Vermont Army National Guard officer, and in 2000, he began full-time Active Guard Reserve duty, and

*Whereas*, starting in June 2005, Gregory Knight completed a one-year deployment to Ramadi, Iraq, as a battle captain for Task Force Saber, and

*Whereas*, since 2001, Gregory Knight advanced educationally, earning several academic degrees, including a master's degree from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and he assumed increasingly important roles, reaching the rank of U.S. Army Major General, and he received many military honors, including a Bronze Star Medal, and

*Whereas*, in 2019, recognizing U.S. Army Major General Gregory Knight's superb qualifications, the General Assembly elected him as Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General, the State's highest ranking military officer, and

*Whereas*, Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight's outstanding seven-year tenure featured the 2021 welcoming of Austria to the State Partnership Program, and he can reflect on his military service with great pride, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors U.S. Army Major General and Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight on his exemplary service on behalf of our State and nation, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight and to the Vermont National Guard.

## H.C.R. 197

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Ode of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Offered by Senators Brennan, Collamore, Harrison, Hashim, Major, and White

House concurrent resolution congratulating the YMCA on its 175th anniversary and extending best wishes for the organization's future endeavors

*Whereas*, on December 29, 1851, Thomas Valentine Sullivan established the first YMCA (the Y) in the United States at the Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts, mirroring the Y movement in England with a mission “to build healthy spirit, mind and body for all,” and

*Whereas*, in 1866, the first Y in Vermont opened in Burlington, and

*Whereas*, since 1851, the Y has been dedicated “to meet[ing] evolving needs of American communities, strengthening society by bringing people together, fostering relationships and creating a sense of belonging,” and

*Whereas*, the Y “serves people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, creating spaces where all people feel welcome,” and

*Whereas*, the many historic milestones of the Y's last 175 years are of both organizational and national significance, and

*Whereas*, a selection of the highlights of the Y's 175-year odyssey include conducting the first night school and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, inventing basketball, offering the first group swimming lessons, serving as the birthplace of Father's Day, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946 for the achievement of its National War Work Council, serving as America's leading nonprofit provider of child care and afterschool programs, and offering important community support services during the pandemic, and

*Whereas*, nationwide, 2,600 Ys, located in every state and territory, receive support from more than 300,000 staff and 350,000 volunteers, and they annually serve 6.5 million children and 11 million adults, and

*Whereas*, in Vermont, the YMCA of Greater Burlington and the Meeting Waters YMCA (established in 1895) serve 15,000 Vermonters through the diligent efforts of 600 staff and 80 volunteers, and

*Whereas*, during this anniversary year, Ys across the country will celebrate with special commemorative events, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the YMCA on its 175th anniversary and extends best wishes for the organization's future endeavors, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the YMCA of Greater Burlington and the Meeting Waters YMCA.

**H.C.R. 198**

Offered by Representative Minier of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division II championship girls' soccer team

*Whereas*, the 2025 Division II girls' soccer championship game, played under the lights at Burlington High School, can be accurately described as a thrilling athletic encounter, pitting top-seeded Rice Memorial High School against second-ranked Harwood Union High School, and

*Whereas*, in a contest that showcased defensive polish, the Green Knights' and Highlanders' goalies' combined save toll exceeded 35, resulting in a late and low-scoring evening on the pitch, and

*Whereas*, with merely 3:14 remaining in regulation play, Harwood shattered the scoreless logjam, but Rice replied in kind with only 1:11 left in the second half, and

*Whereas*, the teams fervently battled into a second overtime period when, with 9:38 to go, Harwood executed a seemingly goal-scoring sequence, only to experience disappointment 25 seconds later as the referees canceled the goal with the assessment of an offside penalty, and this set the stage for Rice to score a walk-off goal nearly seven minutes later and clinch an unimagined 2–1 victory, and

*Whereas*, Green Knights Peyton Borick, Bayleigh Clark, Reese Billings, Edie Curtin, Madi Lacy, Celeste Hines, Esme Cyr, Ruby Levinson, Maddie Ploof, Lucy Barndt, Stella Kruse, Savannah Nelson, Abby English, Sara Guidice, Izzy Lacy, Grace Bowen, Alexis Menard O'Neil, Reilly Lewton, Celia Leclair, Summer Nelson, and Neesa Giulianelli will long remember this fairy-tale concluding game, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Aubrey Ouellet and assistant coaches Katherine Fischer, Anna Krause, Abby Turner, Kaylee Sullivan, and Zaf Bludevich were delighted with the 2025 season, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division II championship girls' soccer team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rice Memorial High School.

**H.C.R. 199**

Offered by Representative Minier of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I field hockey team on winning a second consecutive championship

*Whereas*, the undefeated, top-seeded, and fifth-ranked in New England Green Knights carried their sticks onto the University of Vermont's Moulton Winder Field for the season's ultimate Division I challenge against the second-seeded Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks with great confidence and exuberance, and

*Whereas*, this eager anticipation proved merited as the Rice goalie prevented any first-half CVU scoring, while her teammates shot one first-quarter goal and three more in the second, and

*Whereas*, down but still determined, the Redhawks asserted themselves in the third and fourth quarters, with one goal in each, but their efforts fell short of the necessary offensive production, as Rice won the game and the Division I title 4–2, and

*Whereas*, the Green Knights (17–0) who wrapped up Rice's second consecutive perfect season were Molly McGibney, Claire Robblee, Ella Tatro, Violet Clough, Clare Hamilton, Addy Petrasch, Zoe Martinez, Audrey Morris, Eden Roberts, Mary Moyer, Maryann Nunn, Ana Walsh, Eliza Fischer, Gillian Grimes, Emeri Rasco, Kate Larkin, Sophia Chan, Maggie Robinson, Bella Walsh, Ellie Larkin, and Page Johnson, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Kelly McClintock and assistant coaches Lucy Stillman and Bailey Sherwin were pleased with the team's great 2025 success, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights field hockey team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rice Memorial High School.

### **H.C.R. 200**

Offered by Representatives Chapin of East Montpelier, Casey of Montpelier, McCann of Montpelier, Bluemle of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

House concurrent resolution celebrating the life of Nathan Suter of Montpelier

*Whereas*, adventurous, attentive, engaging, and welcoming all describe the amazing Nathan Suter, whose life was sadly abbreviated, and

*Whereas*, born in the Panama Canal Zone, Nathan Suter grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY, developing his prowess as a long-distance runner, and

*Whereas*, at Haverford College, he captained the cross-country track and field team and earned a fine arts degree in photography, and he subsequently graduated with a master's degree from San Francisco Art Institute, and

*Whereas*, in 2002 in San Francisco, he cofounded Root Division, which offers subsidized studios to artists in exchange for teaching or curating art exhibits, and

*Whereas*, several years after his 2001 marriage to Vermonter, and now Montpelier Union Elementary School teacher, Morgan Lloyd, the couple moved to the Green Mountain State, where they raised their children, Amani and Asa, and in Stowe, Nathan Suter served for a decade as executive director of what is now known as the Current, an art center, and

*Whereas*, his curatorship was bold and daring, and gave the Current a reputation for artistic innovation and excellence, and included nurturing and expanding the educational program to serve more than 500 students, and

*Whereas*, in 2016, Nathan Suter decided to venture into a new career as an organizational management consultant, establishing his own firm, which he creatively named BUILD, and

*Whereas*, a passion for community engagement and social activism led to long-term board service at Migrant Justice and the Peace & Justice Center, and he played a pivotal role on the Montpelier Commission for Recovery and Resilience, which was formed after the devastating 2023 flood, and

*Whereas*, his contribution to the youth of Montpelier as a respected and popular track and field coach, first at Main Street Middle School, and more recently at Montpelier High School, helped rejuvenate a small program into a highly popular school activity, and

*Whereas*, the sudden death of Nathan Suter at 52 years of age on May 13, 2025, while running, saddened and shocked his wife, children, and the Montpelier community, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly celebrates the life of Nathan Suter of Montpelier, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Nathan Suter, Montpelier High School, the Montpelier Commission for Recovery and Resilience, Migrant Justice, the Peace & Justice Center, and the Current.

**H.C.R. 201**

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Morgan, M. of Milton, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 5/6 St. Albans Steelers on winning the inaugural Northern Vermont Youth Football League 5/6 championship

*Whereas*, fifth and sixth grade football enthusiasts residing in the municipalities of St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, Alburgh, Bakersfield, Enosburg, Fairfield, Georgia, Sheldon, and Swanton enjoyed the fall of 2025 as members of the 5/6 St. Albans Steelers, and over the course of the 2025 regular season, the team compiled an extraordinary undefeated record, entitling the squad to compete in the Northern Vermont Youth Football League's initial 5/6 championship contest against the Chittenden South Buccaneers, and

*Whereas*, the Steelers quickly proved their worthiness, scoring the opening touchdown in the first quarter, and in the second quarter, the Buccaneers

scored a touchdown plus a point after, concluding the first half holding a 7–6 lead, and

*Whereas*, after a scoreless third quarter, St. Albans executed a long touchdown run, regaining a 12–7 lead, and later in the fourth quarter, a Steeler intercepted the ball and ran long into Chittenden South territory, which framed St. Albans’ final touchdown for its great 18–7 victory and an amazing 9–0 season record, and

*Whereas*, the talented 5/6 Steelers were Levi Chiaravalle, Jrue Stewart, Max Montagne, Owen Dyke, Chandler Clark, Brody Robair, Spencer Stebbins, Camden Condlin, Lincoln Sullivan, Marcus Taylor, Jaxon Stewart, Reed Wilbur, Drake Gervais, Alden Benoit, Ryan Leclerc, Kayden Bushey, Camden Jean, Nathanael Trieb, Bo Vining, Zdeno Hatin, Isaac Facteau, Carmelo Hardy, Raymond Christian, Ryker Johnson, Preston McCarthy, Carter Longley, Alias Mayhew, Elijah Boomhower, Paxton Norris, Emmett Dustin, Nathaniel Pinkham, Henry Tourangeau, Konnor King, Hunter Gagne, Liam Shea, Chase Corwell, Deacon Weld, Luke Harrison, Aidan Burghardt, Grayson Davis, Jaiden Mann, Kholden Hamilton, and Holden Lambert, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Shawn Stebbins and assistant coaches Colin McCarthy, Brian Christian, Jim Trieb, and Tom Facteau were outstanding mentors for the team, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 5/6 St. Albans Steelers on winning the inaugural Northern Vermont Youth Football League 5/6 championship, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution the 5/6 St. Albans Steelers.

**H.C.R. 202**

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Morgan, M. of Milton, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers on winning the 2025 Northern Vermont Youth Football League Division I championship

*Whereas*, the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers consisted of players from the Franklin County communities of St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, Alburgh, Enosburg, Fairfield, Sheldon, and Swanton, and

*Whereas*, the sixth-seeded Steelers battled through the playoffs to earn a championship game berth against the top-ranked and undefeated 7/8 Rutland Raiders, and

*Whereas*, after an intensive first half, the Steelers were slightly trailing 19–7, but in the second half, St. Albans’ defensive performance was superb, preventing additional Rutland scoring while the Steelers tied the game, sending the contest into overtime, and

*Whereas*, as the overtime commenced, the Steelers scored a touchdown on their first possession and successfully converted the point after, then drew on their proven defensive prowess to twice halt the Raiders from crossing the goal line, clinching a St. Albans 26–19 victory and its first Division I title since 1988, and

*Whereas*, the thrilled Steelers were Jacques Montagne, Zac Montagne-Litchfield, Caleb Rowden, Jacob Brown, Jaevian Stewart, Louis Meyers, Dream Stewart, Quentin Lunna, Eli McGinnis, Kingston Gomez, Grayson St. Francis, Silas Reed, Case Reynolds, Mathias McConnell, Finn Howrigan, Maddox Rabtoy, John Garrett, Erik Wagner, Ozzy Blackburn, Brody Aiken, Thor Clark, Jacob Ewald, Layn Patnode, Brayden Chalifoux, Kasent Valente, Sawyer Smith, Reed O’Dell, Tanner Limoge, Izek Careau, Elias Bruley, Hunter Graham, Matthew Persons, Drake Scheiber, Blake Kittell, and Lincoln Kane, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Nick Norris and assistant coaches Ben Patnode, Chris Norris, Joe Montagne, Brad Ravlin, Luke Howrigan, Jerome Stewart, and Frank Wagner were thrilled with the team’s success, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers on winning the 2025 Northern Vermont Youth Football League Division I championship, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers.

**H.C.R. 203**

Offered by Representatives Maguire of Rutland City and Berbeco of Winooski

House concurrent resolution designating February 2026 as Recovery Awareness Month in Vermont

*Whereas*, according to a recent report of the research site methadone.org, “Vermont faces one of the most severe substance abuse challenges in the United States, consistently ranking among the top states for illicit drug use ... [and also] ... faces significant challenges with alcohol consumption and abuse,” a fact that the State’s high rates of binge drinking and alcohol abuse document, and

*Whereas*, according to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 10.3 percent of Vermont youth (12–17 years of age) reported illicit drug use during the prior month, and Vermont ranks 48th among the states in this category, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (VAMHAR), a statewide nonprofit organization established in 1939, “embrace[s] the full spectrum of the human experience—with compassion and acceptance...” and works to strengthen collaboration across agencies, providers, employers, and communities in its effort to ameliorate substance abuse, and

*Whereas*, peer-led recovery centers and residences across the State have coalesced as Recovery Partners of Vermont, and this multimember organization serves on the front line of supporting individuals in their journeys from active addiction to lives in recovery, and

*Whereas*, both these organizations, in coordination with State agencies, community partners, employers, and Vermonters with lived experiences, are intensifying their collaboration to break down silos and build coordinated, community-rooted pathways to recovery, and these partnerships greatly benefit the well-being of all Vermonters, and

*Whereas*, on February 11, 2026, Vermonters involved in the recovery process gathered at the State House to celebrate progress and educate legislators concerning these initiatives, and a broader public knowledge of these efforts is vitally important, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly designates February 2026 as Recovery Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to VAMHAR and Recovery Partners of Vermont.