

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, March 12, 2026

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. 7.

Offered by Senators Heffernan, Baruth, Beck, Benson, Bongartz, Brennan, Brock, Chittenden, Collamore, Cummings, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Lyons, Major, Mattos, Morley, Norris, Perchlik, Weeks, Westman and Williams,

S.C.R. 7. Senate concurrent resolution designating October 5, 2026, as Italian American Day in Vermont.

Whereas, the proud history of the Italian American community in Vermont started in the 1880s, when economic conditions in Italy persuaded many Italians to emigrate from Italy to the United States in hopes of a more prosperous future for their families, and

Whereas, Italian immigrants who were highly skilled in stone crafts settled in the Rutland-Proctor area and found employment, especially at the Vermont Marble Company, a large business that owned multiple quarries and became the source for the marble contained in prominent public buildings across the country, and

Whereas, from 1890 to 1910, a significant population of new Italian immigrants, as well as those who had originally settled in and around Rutland, came to Barre, to apply their artisan and stone-cutting skills in the granite industry; they contributed significantly to the development of Barre as the granite capital of the world, and their magnificent craftsmanship is on display in Vermont and elsewhere, and

Whereas, Italian Americans were critical to the emergence of labor unions in Vermont, as they endeavored to develop fair wages, benefits, and tolerable working conditions in the marble and granite industries, and

Whereas, the contributions of Italian Americans are notable in many aspects of Vermont society, including agriculture, the arts, civic participation, construction, economic development, food production, manufacturing, and State and local government, and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor Italian Americans in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the cultural and economic engine that is Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates October 5, 2026, as Italian American Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Christine Stone.

S.C.R. 8.

Offered by Committee on Health and Welfare,

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution recognizing March 2026 as International Long COVID Awareness Month in Vermont.

Whereas, in May 2023, the World Health Organization terminated its COVID-19 emergency, but according to the Yale School of Medicine, over 20 million Americans live with the long-term effects of the COVID-19 virus, a malady known as long COVID, and this situation represents a major public health and economic challenge, and

Whereas, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine define long COVID as “an infection-associated chronic condition (IACC) that occurs after SARS-CoV-2 infection and is present for at least 3 months as a continuous, relapsing and remitting, or progressive disease state that affects one or more organ systems,” and

Whereas, there are more than 200 long COVID symptoms, including “persistent fatigue, post-exertional malaise, brain fog, and sleep disturbance ... similar to those reported by people with ME/CFS (myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome) and other multi-system chronic complex diseases (msCCD),” and other symptoms can include changes in smell and taste, chest pain, coughing, pins and needles sensations, and a fast-beating or pounding heart, and

Whereas, in 2023, the International Long COVID Awareness (ILCA) organization designated March as International Long COVID Awareness Month and March 15 as International Long COVID Awareness Day to educate the public on the societal implications of long COVID, and

Whereas, in 2026, International Long COVID Awareness Month will “focus on the impacts of SARS-CoV-2 and Long COVID on the heart & cardiovascular system,” and

Whereas, among the topically specific dates associated with International Long COVID Awareness Month are Long COVID: Every Heartbeat Counts (March 7), International Long COVID Awareness Week (March 9–15), Disability Support for People with Long COVID (March 16–22), and Long COVID in Children (March 23–31), and

Whereas, raising the importance of long COVID awareness in Vermont is of the utmost urgency, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2026 as International Long COVID Awareness 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 Commissioner of Health.