

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 49

Offered by Representative Greer of Bennington

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 21, 2025 as World Day for Glaciers in Vermont

Whereas, according to United Nations Resolution 77/158, which the United Nations General Assembly adopted on December 14, 2022, “glaciers are a critical component of the hydrological cycle and . . . the current accelerated melting and retreat of glaciers have severe impacts on the climate, the environment, the maintenance of human well-being and health and sustainable development,” and

Whereas, the resolution further stated that “in many high mountain areas, glacier retreat and permafrost thaw are projected to further decrease the stability of slopes, and that the incidences of floods owing to glacier lake outburst or rain-on-snow, landslides and snow avalanches are projected to increase and occur in new locations or different seasons,” and

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly also expressed “the urgent need to raise awareness of and to promote and facilitate actions and sustainable measures towards preserving glaciers,” and

Whereas, the proponents of the resolution believed that the best way for the international community to focus on these concerns was to “declare 2025 the International Year of Glaciers’ Preservation and to proclaim 21 March of each year the World Day for Glaciers,” and

Whereas, the first World Day for Glaciers will be observed on March 21, 2025 and will include official events at United Nations headquarters in New York City and at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, featuring glaciologists, policymakers, and the media, designed to bring public attention to this climate situation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 21, 2025 as World Day for Glaciers in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the United Nations Secretary-General.