

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 283

Offered by Representatives Soucy of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, and Keyser of Rutland City

Offered by Senators Lyons and Major

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 6, 2026, as Vermont Golf Day

Whereas, the predecessor of the game of golf may be traceable to ancient Rome, and the sport as structured today was first formalized in 15th-century Scotland, and Vermont played a distinguished role in American golf history as home to the Dorset Field Club, founded in 1886 and recognized as the oldest continuously operating golf course in the United States, and

Whereas, golf promotes physical health and well-being for participants of all ages, with 18 holes covering several miles, and

Whereas, the Radius Sports Group, in partnership with the Vermont Golf Alliance, documented that, in 2026, Vermont derived great economic benefits from golfing activity, generating a financial output of \$671.4 million and \$397.2 million in direct financial activity, and

Whereas, 68 golf courses call Vermont home, 83 percent are open to the public, and 37 percent of public facilities offer a round for under \$40.00, and

Whereas, in 2024, 1.1 million rounds of golf were played in Vermont, and the sport is the source of 5,376 jobs in the State, contributes \$212.1 million in wages, and returns over \$66.8 million in State and local taxes, and

Whereas, Vermont's golf courses attracted more than 190,000 golf-related trips in 2024, generating \$121.9 million in direct tourism dollars, and

Whereas, Vermont's golf courses provide approximately 10,880 acres of green space and function as green infrastructure, filtering stormwater, supporting water quality, and reducing demand for public stormwater infrastructure; 85 percent of courses have implemented two or more energy conservation practices, and nearly half operate lithium-battery golf carts, and

Whereas, in 2024, the State's golf facilities hosted more than 700 charitable events, raising an estimated \$12.4 million for Vermont nonprofits, and

Whereas, on May 4–6, 2026, golfing officials are gathering in Washington, DC, to observe National Golf Day, and Vermont should similarly commemorate this great sport, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 6, 2026, as Vermont Golf Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Golf Alliance, the Vermont Golf Association, the New England Section of the PGA of America, the Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association, and the New England Golf Course Owners Association.