

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 12

Offered by Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Sibilis of Dover, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burt of Cabot, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hoyt of Hartford, James of Manchester, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Lueders of Lincoln, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrow of Weston, Nigro of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrel of Underhill, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House resolution expressing support for the principles behind the statement of Governor Philip B. Scott regarding the federal surge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in the State of Minnesota

Whereas, on January 5, 2026, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security deployed approximately 3,000 federal agents, drawn from both ICE and CBP, to the metropolitan Twin Cities area in Minnesota, and

Whereas, on January 24, 2026, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, CBP agents fatally shot a U.S. citizen at the site of an anti-ICE demonstration, the second such shooting of a protester against ICE operations in the same month, and

Whereas, these and multiple other events pertaining to the methods of enforcing immigration law have triggered large protests both in and out of the State of Minnesota, as well as in Vermont, and

Whereas, two of our fundamental constitutional rights are “the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances” and that “no person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law,” and

Whereas, in response to the events in Minnesota, on January 25, 2026, Governor Philip B. Scott issued the following statement:

“Enough ... it’s not acceptable for American citizens to be killed by federal agents for exercising their God-given and constitutional rights to protest their government.

“At best, these federal immigration operations are a complete failure of coordination of acceptable public safety and law enforcement practices, training, and leadership.

“At worst, it’s a deliberate federal intimidation and incitement of American citizens that’s resulting in the murder of Americans. Again, enough is enough.

“The President should pause these operations, de-escalate the situation, and reset the federal government's focus on truly criminal illegal immigrants. In the absence of Presidential action, Congress and the Courts must step up to restore constitutionality,” and

Whereas, this legislative body desires to speak in unity with the Governor on this urgent topic and to address this crisis in our nation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body expresses its support for the principles behind the statement of Governor Philip B. Scott regarding the immigration enforcement actions that ICE and CBP, known as Operation Metro Surge, are currently conducting in the State of Minnesota, *and be it further*

Resolved: That this legislative body stands firm in its defense of the rights of all under the U.S. Constitution and in its commitment to standards that coordinate acceptable public safety and law enforcement practices, training, and leadership, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Philip B. Scott, President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.