

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

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.