

**No. R-112. House concurrent resolution designating March 23, 2017 as Vermont Nonprofit Legislative Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.87)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Belaski of Windsor, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Donovan of Burlington, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Morris of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Olsen of Londonderry, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Balint, Baruth, Clarkson, and Ingram

Whereas, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy vibrant communities throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and commitment of financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, the nonprofit sector helps numerous individuals and families in the United States sustain lives, and

Whereas, more than 4,100 Vermont nonprofits serve all corners of the State, and with health care and education driving sector revenue, public charities generated \$5.9 billion in revenue in 2014, and

Whereas, Vermont nonprofits pay over \$1.9 billion in wages, which translates into an estimated \$33.7 million of personal income tax revenue for Vermont's State and local governments and over \$333.8 million in federal tax revenues, and

Whereas, nonprofits employ one in seven Vermont workers, making the nonprofit sector the largest industry in the State after governmental employment, and

Whereas, Vermont nonprofits contribute \$5.7 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale purchases, and professional service contracts, and

Whereas, this contribution equals nearly 20 percent of the State's gross State product, exceeding the manufacturing and construction industries combined, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in facilitating charitable giving and social action, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps these organizations to be more effective and efficient through its delivery of resources, training, partnerships, and events, and

Whereas, today, March 23, 2017, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations are gathered in the State House to educate legislators concerning the activities of the nonprofit sector, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 23, 2017 as Vermont Nonprofit Legislative Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Common Good Vermont.