

**No. R-361. House concurrent resolution designating March 22, 2018 as Vermont Nonprofit Legislative Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.289)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Bock of Chester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christensen of Weathersfield, Conlon of Cornwall, Donahue of Northfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Gamache of Swanton, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Randolph, Krowinski of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Nolan of Morristown, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Till of Jericho, Walz of Barre City, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has granted nonprofit status to over 4,500 Vermont organizations that help build and sustain healthy communities throughout the State, and

Whereas, the IRS estimated that in 2016, Vermont nonprofits earned more than \$6.8 billion in gross revenue, and

Whereas, based on the most recently available data, the Vermont Common Good organization has calculated that nonprofit organizations contribute approximately 22 percent of the State's gross domestic product, a not-insignificant amount, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in employing and training Vermonters, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has estimated that nonprofit employees represent 17.9 percent of the State's workforce, and

Whereas, the Department of Taxes has estimated this percentage is equivalent to 62,000 Vermonters, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps nonprofit organizations and their employees improve their effectiveness and efficiency through the provision of resources and training and the facilitating of partnerships, and

Whereas, on March 22, 2018, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, representatives of nonprofit organizations will gather in the State House to inform legislators concerning the vital activities of Vermont's nonprofit sector, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 22, 2018 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 Vermont Common Good.