

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## House Resolution

H.R. 16

House resolution declaring a state of emergency

Offered by Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, LaClair of Barre Town, Long of Newfane, Bartholomew of Hartland and Donahue of Northfield

Whereas Governor Philip B Scott declared a state of emergency with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic until April 15, 2020, and

Whereas the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines for people to maintain a safe social distance of six feet and minimize gatherings to reduce the infection rates of COVID-19, and

Whereas the separation of powers between branches of government necessitates the Governor's Declaration of Emergency does not include the Legislative Branch, and

Whereas the House of Representatives must meet in order to address the needs of Vermonters and confront the threat of COVID-19 to the State of Vermont, and

Whereas the House must complete its business in the safest manner possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That based on the Governor's declared state of emergency, Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and protecting the safety of Vermonters, the House of Representatives declares that there is a state of emergency until May 1, 2020 for its rules and procedures.