

**No. R-15. House concurrent resolution designating January 27, 2021 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.7)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, the homeless are our neighbors, community members, parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities, and they deserve our compassion, and

Whereas, the 2020 Point-in-Time Count report found that 1,110 Vermonters were without secure housing, 19 percent of whom were children, and that a significant number of families were living in motels during the first week of January 2021, and

Whereas, COVID-19 has put homeless and precariously housed Vermonters at greater risk and made the previously hidden extent of housing instability visible, and

Whereas, if there is an executive order to stay safe at home, one needs a home in which to be safe, and

Whereas, over \$84 million in CARES Act funding has been invested in preventing homelessness and housing the homeless, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the need to restore quality of life and housing to homeless Vermonters and designates January 27, 2021 as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont's three coalitions dedicated to ending homelessness.