

No. R-37. House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2017 as Vermont Pharmacists Day.

(H.C.R.19)

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Ainsworth of Royalton, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Keefe of Manchester, Lefebvre of Newark, Lippert of Hinesburg, McCoy of Poultney, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Campion, Collamore, Flory, Mullin, and Rodgers

Whereas, the Vermont Pharmacists Association dates back to the 19th century and continues to advocate for its members on behalf of both patients and professionals alike, and

Whereas, Vermont's pharmacists practice in hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, long-term care facilities, and community pharmacies, and

Whereas, the profession of pharmacy continues to evolve from the role of medicine dispenser to clinical medicine advisor, and

Whereas, pharmacists coordinate with prescribers, health care facilities, including hospitals and rehabilitation facilities, and others to ensure patients' medications are available, appropriate, and synchronized, and

Whereas, consumers appreciate the increasing accessibility of pharmacist-administered immunizations, especially for influenza prevention, and

Whereas, during an approximately two-year period ending in August 2016, the Department of Health reported that pharmacists administered 96.5 percent of influenza vaccines to persons in the 18–49 year age cohort, and the comparable percentages for the 50–64 and 65 and older population segments were 88.2 percent and 75.6 percent, respectively, and

Whereas, the General Assembly recently enacted 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 173, Sec. 5 that expanded the parameters of pharmaceutical practice to include “providing of patient care services within the pharmacist's authorized scope of practice,” and not only the dispensing of prescriptions, and

Whereas, pharmacists continue to be extremely accessible health care providers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 20, 2017 as Vermont Pharmacists Day, and be it further

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