

No. R-282. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 18, 2024 as Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.217)

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, in the 21st century, electric power, which is overwhelmingly transmitted through openly exposed local and long-distance electric power transmission lines, is essential for all aspects of daily living, and

Whereas, when lightning, snow, wind, and other variants of disruptive weather strike, the electric power lines are often damaged, posing an immediate danger to persons who encounter the wires and disrupting the flow of electric power to neighborhoods, entire municipalities, and even large sections of the State, including vital health and public safety facilities, and

Whereas, these electric power disruptions trigger the response of the dedicated men and women who are employees of Vermont's cooperative, investor-owned, and municipal utilities, the organizations that, for decades, have striven to provide all Vermonters with reliable, safe, and, in more recent years, increasingly environmentally friendly electric power, and

Whereas, these electric utility employees must work extended hours, under extremely dangerous conditions that require the utmost degree of care and professionalism, in a time-pressured effort to restore electric power expeditiously and eliminate dangerous hazards on the landscape and byways of the State, and

Whereas, these individuals are truly unsung heroes, whose impact on our daily lives is often forgotten and underappreciated, and

Whereas, across the country, April 18 is annually observed as National Lineman Appreciation Day, and a Vermont commemoration is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 18, 2024 as Electric Utility Lineworker Appreciation Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the cooperative, investor-owned, and municipal electric utilities in Vermont.