

## H.R. 1

House resolution declaring a state of emergency.

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

Whereas Governor Philip B. Scott declared a state of emergency with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic until January 15, 2021, and

Whereas the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidelines including people 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 throughout Vermont communities, 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 through March 9, 2021 for its rules and procedures.