

**No. R-216. House concurrent resolution recognizing May 17–May 23, 2015, as National Public Works Week in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.162)

Offered by: Representatives McFaun of Barre Town, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Dakin of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Forguites of Springfield, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenex of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Martin of Wolcott, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, in many Vermont cities, towns, and villages, municipal public works departments provide essential public safety and infrastructure support services, and

Whereas, in the midst of winter's heavy snow and blowing winds, municipal public works departments plow town highways as rapidly as possible, in order to ensure that emergency vehicles may pass and that the public at large can resume its daily activities, and

Whereas, the timely assistance of municipal public works departments during mud season is familiar to Vermonters, especially to residents of rural communities, and

Whereas, however, Vermonters often overlook the important duties of municipal public works departments when neither snow nor mud impede vehicular travel, and

Whereas, among the important roles that municipal public works departments perform are the maintenance of ditches; the maintenance, operation, and upgrading of water and sewer systems; the installation and maintenance of signs; the sweeping of streets and other public areas; activities related to Green Up Day; and many other vital functions, and

Whereas, for over half a century, the American Public Works Association has observed a week each year as National Public Works Week to remind all Americans that municipal public works departments, their engineers, managers, and employees serve all residents in ways that are important, but often unacknowledged, and

Whereas, in 2015, National Public Works Week is being observed from May 17–May 23, and it offers an opportunity to salute municipal public works departments and their dedicated staff, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 17–May 23 as National Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer, Harry H. Hinrichsen.