

No. R-456. Senate concurrent resolution designating May 11-17 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont.

(S.C.R.56)

By All Members of the Senate,

Whereas, reliable evidence suggests that on the average, every five minutes, a diagnosis of lung cancer is given to a female patient, and

Whereas, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in this country, having surpassed breast cancer in 1987, and

Whereas, the lung cancer death rate for women has more than doubled over the past 35 years, and

Whereas, women are disproportionately burdened with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), including death rates, and

Whereas, asthma is more common in women than men, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatment for women with lung cancer, COPD, asthma, and other lung diseases and will ultimately save lives, and

Whereas, LUNG FORCE is the American Lung Association's new national movement with the mission of uniting women to eradicate lung cancer and lung disease, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 11–17 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont, and encourages all Vermonters to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and all types of lung disease, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Lung Association of the Northeast in Williston.