

No. R-459. House concurrent resolution designating May 8–14, 2016 as Women’s Lung Health Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.379)

Offered by: Representatives Fields of Bennington, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Berry of Manchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Huntley of Cavendish, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O’Brien of Richmond, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators McCormack and Sirotkin

Whereas, every eight minutes, one woman in the U.S. loses her battle with lung cancer, and

Whereas, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, but only one percent of women pay close attention to this important medical statistic, and

Whereas, the number of women dying from lung cancer has nearly doubled over the past 30 years, and

Whereas, in Vermont, one person dies every day due to lung cancer, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatments and early detection that will ultimately save lives among people with lung cancer, and

Whereas, the American Lung Association’s LUNG FORCE is a fast-growing initiative intended to make lung cancer an illness of the past, uniting the nation in the fight against lung cancer, and

Whereas, the American Lung Association conducts local educational events that include LUNG FORCE expos and walks or runs, and

Whereas, on April 27, 2016, the American Lung Association held a LUNG FORCE Expo in South Burlington to inform patients, caregivers, and health care providers “about the latest trends, resources and research surrounding lung cancer,” and

Whereas, on June 23, 2016 a LUNG FORCE Walk will take place in Burlington, and

Whereas, nationwide, the week of May 8–14, 2016 is being observed as Women’s Lung Health Week to focus attention on the serious effects of lung cancer on women’s health, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 8–14, 2016 as Women’s Lung Health Week in Vermont, and be it further

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