

**No. R-386. House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care value of the new five-year 2020 Vermont Cancer Plan.**

(H.C.R.299)

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Donahue of Northfield, Forguites of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Klein of East Montpelier, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sabilia of Dover, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Walz of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer (VTAAC) represents Vermont's cancer community, including the Department of Health, the University of Vermont Cancer Center, Vermont hospitals, cancer survivors, and the American Cancer Society and other nonprofit organizations, that speaks with one voice about reducing cancer risk, detecting cancer earlier, creating better access to quality cancer treatment, and improving the quality of life for cancer survivors, and

Whereas, today, cancer is the leading cause of death in Vermont, a status that cancer shared with heart disease from the 1960s until 2007, and

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, approximately 4,030 Vermonters are diagnosed with cancer annually and over 1,300 die of the disease every year, and

Whereas, in 2005, VTAAC adopted Vermont's first State Cancer Plan focused on reducing the burden of cancer in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 2016, VTAAC is launching its new five-year 2020 Cancer Plan (the plan), and its goals and objectives build upon the State health assessment plan known as Healthy Vermonters 2020, and

Whereas, the plan outlines the shared goals, objectives, and priority strategies for reducing the burden of cancer in Vermont over the next five years, and

Whereas, it provides strategies to prevent, detect, and treat cancer as well as eliminate the disparities in treatment quality based on socioeconomic status, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the important health care value of the new five-year 2020 Vermont Cancer Plan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Office of the American Cancer Society and to VTAAC.