

No. R-455. House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 7, 2018 as Women's Lung Health Week.

(H.C.R.381)

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Bancroft of Westford, Belaski of Windsor, Beyor of Highgate, Brumsted of Shelburne, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Pajala of Londonderry, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Read of Fayston, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Weed of Enosburgh, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Balint, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka, and White

Whereas, despite the lower percentage of American adults who smoke tobacco products, the detrimental impact of lung cancer remains a major health issue in Vermont and throughout the United States, and

Whereas, in 2018, lung cancer remains the cancer that kills more Americans, including Vermonters, both men and women, than any other variant of the disease, and

Whereas, every five minutes, a new case of lung cancer in a woman in the United States is diagnosed, and

Whereas, every eight minutes, another woman in our country loses her battle with lung cancer, and

Whereas, in approximately the last four decades, the incidence of new lung cancer for women in the United States has risen 94 percent while the comparable figure for men has declined 32 percent, and

Whereas, in Vermont, an estimated 390 persons will die from lung cancer in 2018, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness of the perils of lung cancer can spur efforts to improve the detection and treatment of lung cancer, and

Whereas, such efforts could lead to lower death rates and the saving of more lives, and

Whereas, the American Lung Association has established an initiative known as Lung Force intended to unite the nation in the fight against lung cancer and to eradicate this disease in the United States, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of May 7, 2018 as Women's Lung Health Week, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the American Lung Association.