

No. R-84. House concurrent resolution designating March 13, 2019 as the 25th Early Childhood Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.66)

Offered by: Representative Redmond of Essex

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, scientific research has shown that early life experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults at home and in the community are important, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or a fragile foundation for all development that follows, and a fragile foundation presents challenges for a child's development and growth, and

Whereas, Vermonters want young children to grow into healthy adults, solid community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, Vermonters concerned about our youngest residents will gather at the State House on March 13, 2019 to discuss with their State legislators issues associated with accessibility to and affordability of high-quality early child care, health care, and educational services, and

Whereas, other topics of conversation will be ways of ensuring the safety and food security of our youngest citizens, options for improving the economic security of Vermont's families, and recognizing the members of the early childhood workforce who deserve our praise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 13, 2019 as the 25th Early Childhood Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures, which are jointly sponsoring the 2019 Early Childhood Day at the General Assembly.