

No. R-105. House concurrent resolution designating Friday, March 29, 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.87)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a "type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior," and

Whereas, it is the sixth-leading cause of death in the nation and the fifth-leading cause for persons 65 years of age or older, and Vermont has the country's highest Alzheimer's death rate, and

Whereas, from 2000 to 2017, the national heart disease death rate decreased nine percent, but in the same time period, the comparable national rate for Alzheimer's increased 145 percent, and since 2000, Vermont has seen an increase of 176 percent, and

Whereas, 13,000 Vermonters, 65 years of age or older, are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, and

Whereas, annually, 30,000 Vermonters provide an estimated 34 million hours of unpaid Alzheimer's care valued at \$434 million, and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that, nationally, 16 million Americans provide uncompensated care for an estimated 18.5 billion hours that is valued at \$234 billion, and

Whereas, caring for a person with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's, can be emotionally, financially, and physically challenging, and

Whereas, a 2015 Alzheimer's Association report found that more than 50 percent of persons with Alzheimer's are not informed of their diagnosis, and

Whereas, in 2019, total Alzheimer's-related costs are estimated at \$290 billion, and this figure could potentially reach \$1.1 trillion by 2050, and

Whereas, today, individuals whose lives Alzheimer's directly impacts, as well as persons dedicated to improving public awareness of Alzheimer's and finding a cure, are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Friday, March 29, 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness 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 Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.