

**No. R-168. House concurrent resolution recognizing the second full week in May as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.142)

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Birong of Vergennes, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Elder of Starksboro, Fegard of Berkshire, Gardner of Richmond, Haas of Rochester, Hashim of Dummerston, Houghton of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Savage of Swanton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, White of Hartford, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Balint, Clarkson, Hooker, Lyons, Nitka, and Pollina

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

Whereas, in 2018, lung cancer killed more Americans, including Vermonters, than any other variant of the disease, and

Whereas, according to the American Lung Association, every five minutes a woman in the United States is informed she has lung cancer, and

Whereas, the Association also reports that during the past four decades, for men, the rate for new cases of lung cancer has declined 35 percent, but unfortunately, for women, the comparable rate has increased 87 percent, and

Whereas, the most recent Vermont Department of Health data indicate that 176 women die from lung cancer on an annual basis, and

Whereas, increased awareness of the potential for developing lung cancer and the devastating consequences that can result, especially among women, plus continued advocacy for further research should lead to increased early detection and improved treatment options, and

Whereas, Lung Force is a special initiative of the American Lung Association with the goal of "bringing women together to make lung cancer history," and

Whereas, an important method for increasing public awareness of lung cancer's consequences is the public information activity that the American Lung Association conducts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the second full week in May 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 Williston office of the American Lung Association.