No. R-267. House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 29, 2020 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.219)

Offered by: Committee on Health Care

Whereas, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and

Whereas, more than two decades ago, the General Assembly recognized this fundamental health care principle with the enactment of 1997 Acts and Resolves No. 25, Sec. 2, codified as 8 V.S.A. § 4089b, establishing mental health treatment parity as the law in Vermont, and

<u>Whereas</u>, all Vermonters are entitled to receive the highest attainable quality of health care, including mental health care, without discrimination and in a manner that does not result in unnecessary institutionalization, and

Whereas, today, January 29, 2020, individuals are visiting the State House, seeking to remind the General Assembly of the fundamental importance of providing all Vermonters with mental health care equity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 29, 2020 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the mental health advocacy organizations present in the State House today.