

No. R-297. House concurrent resolution designating February 13, 2020 as Suicide Prevention Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.246)

Offered by: Representative Donahue of Northfield

Whereas, in 2018, 45,000 Americans, including 125 Vermonters, died by suicide, and

Whereas, during the past decade, 70 representatives of organizations and other individuals have coalesced as the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition, in alignment with the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, and

Whereas, unfortunately, more than 70 percent of suicide victims in Vermont did not interact with the health care system, and

Whereas, the Agency of Human Services has recognized the importance of preventing suicides in Vermont and has developed an interdepartmental Suicide Prevention Data and Surveillance Work Group to address this problem, and

Whereas, Vermonters concerned about suicide are visiting the State House today to educate legislators regarding this societal mental health challenge, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 13, 2020 as Suicide Prevention 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 Suicide Prevention Coalition.