

No. R-48. House concurrent resolution designating February 19, 2025 as Recovery Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.39)

Offered by Representatives Berbeco of Winooski and Maguire of Rutland City

Whereas, according to the latest available data from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, approximately 10.3 percent of Vermonters 12 years of age and older, approximately 56,000 individuals, live with a substance use disorder, and

Whereas, the Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (VAMHAR) is a statewide nonprofit organization that was established in 1939 and provides advocacy and professional training to Vermont's workforce, and

Whereas, this organization envisions communities that actively embrace the full spectrum of the human experience with compassion and acceptance, and it celebrates all pathways to healing, and

Whereas, Recovery Partners of Vermont, a 14-member umbrella organization of peer-led recovery centers and recovery residences, is on the front line of supporting individuals in their journeys from active addiction to a life in recovery from alcohol or a substance use disorder, or both, and

Whereas, VAMHAR and Recovery Partners of Vermont are dedicated to supporting all pathways to recovery from substance use disorders and leading Vermonters to healthier lives, and

Whereas, Recovery Day is an annual advocacy celebration dedicated to honor the power of substance use recovery and the diverse pathways individuals undertake on their recovery journeys, and

Whereas, the theme for Recovery Day 2025, "Recovery Rooted in Community Connection," emphasizes the vital role that community support and peer connections play in successful recovery outcomes, and

Whereas, today, February 19, 2025, Vermonters who are engaged in the recovery process are visiting the State House to celebrate their successes and to educate the General Assembly on recovery support activities and initiatives, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 19, 2025 as Recovery 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 Recovery Partners of Vermont and to VAMHAR.