

No. R-80. House concurrent resolution designating March 25, 2025 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.60)

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by Senators Lyons and Gulick

Whereas, all Vermonters, regardless of any disability they may have, desire to receive the highest attainable quality of health care, including support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and

Whereas, Sec. 1 of the Developmental Disabilities Act (1996 Acts and Resolves No. 174, codified as 18 V.S.A. § 8721) provides that individuals with a developmental disability are entitled to: a safe living environment; respect and dignity; residency in a home of their choice; the opportunity to make life-affecting decisions; attend neighborhood schools, be employed, and participate in activities, subject to the provisions of federal special education laws; and to have access to broadly available community support and services, and

Whereas, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities seek access to the necessary resources to lead full, independent, and dignified lives within the community, and they expect that all of these services will be delivered with the same degree of expertise and financial support as equivalent services for those who do not live with an intellectual or developmental disability, and

Whereas, today, March 25, 2025, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their advocates are visiting the State House to inform the General Assembly of their concerns regarding the provision of these State services that are critical to their health and well-being, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 25, 2025 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 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 intellectual and developmental disabilities advocacy organizations present today in the State House.