

No. R-90. House concurrent resolution designating April 10, 2025 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.70)

Offered by All Members of the House

Whereas, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Alzheimer's disease is a "progressive neurodegenerative disease that occurs when nerve cells in the brain die," and it can result in "[i]mpaired memory, thinking and behavior," and

Whereas, most experts calculate that nearly seven million Americans 65 years of age and older are living with this disease, and

Whereas, in Vermont, 12,800 individuals 65 years of age and older are living with Alzheimer's, and in 2020 (the most recent calculation of this statistic), 9.9 percent of the State's residents in this age cohort were its victims, and

Whereas, in 2022, Alzheimer's was the cause of death for 329 Vermonters, making the disease the fourth-leading cause of death in the State and representing a 145.5 percent increase during the years 2000–2022, and

Whereas, the impact of Alzheimer's in Vermont is not limited to those who are living with the disease, as approximately 20,000 Vermonters are dedicating 29 million hours to individuals' Alzheimer's care, a commitment currently valued at \$773 million, and 61.5 percent of the caregivers have chronic health conditions, 35.4 percent are suffering with depression, and 10.7 percent are in poor physical health, and

Whereas, the projected Medicaid cost associated with Alzheimer's care in Vermont for 2025 is \$158 million, and

Whereas, today, April 10, 2025, family members, caregivers, and medical professionals are gathered at the State House to inform the General Assembly of the financial, personal, and societal implications of Alzheimer's disease in Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 10, 2025 as Alzheimer's Awareness 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 Alzheimer's Association, Vermont Chapter.