

No. R-119. House concurrent resolution designating April 24, 2025 as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.95)

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 13 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) focusing on the challenges and solutions to the continuing prevalence of child abuse in our State, and

Whereas, these important organizations provide critical support and representational services to children whose needs can be acute and who rely on the centers to assist in transforming their lives from ones that may be harsh to a potentially more promising future, and

Whereas, a CAC provides “forensic interviews, a safe meeting space, victim advocacy, and coordinated care to children that report sexual and physical abuse,” and

Whereas, “the vision of the Vermont Children's Alliance (VCA) [the CACs' membership organization] is to empower Vermont's CACs to provide equal and reliable access to support, treatment, justice, and healing for every child,” and

Whereas, this vision is encompassed in the organization's mission “to foster the growth of the CAC movement by providing statewide support and resources, promoting awareness of child abuse and its impact on our communities,” and

Whereas, today, April 24, 2025, representatives of the VCA and its member CACs are visiting the State House to educate legislators on the importance of addressing the continuing problems associated with the abuse of our youngest Vermonters, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 24, 2025 as Vermont Children's Alliance 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 Children's Alliance.