

No. R-129. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 19, 2025 as World Circus Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.105)

Offered by Representatives Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, and Harple of Glover

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, the circus arts provide entertainment and excitement, both internationally and in Vermont, where there is a vibrant circus community, and they foster creativity, demand physical skill, and are engaging for all ages, and

Whereas, for the 15th consecutive year, the Federation Mondiale du Cirque, of which Princess Stéphanie of Monaco serves as honorary president, is designating the third Saturday in April as World Circus Day, which in 2025 will occur on April 19, and

Whereas, among the extensive Vermont schedule of area commemorative events celebrating World Circus Day are the New England Center for Circus Arts' preview of the ProTrack Circus Springboard Show in Brattleboro; Nimble Arts launching its LakeSide Studio circus and tree dancing workshops in Tinmouth; the Circus Minimus retreat in Lenox, Massachusetts, featuring participants ranging from seven to 77 years of age; Wunderle's Big Top Adventure's Circus Vacation Camp at the Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester; the Diamond Family Circus's annual circus art workshops for seniors and adults with disabilities in Island Pond; the fifth online Vermont-based Circus International Film Festival; Maia Castro-Santos's rehearsal at Burlington's Lines Vermont Dance Studio and Store for her aerial students scheduled to perform in the studio's spring showcase; and the Upper Valley Circus Collective's spring classes, and

Whereas, observing World Circus Day in Vermont is most fitting for a State where the circus arts play such prominent artistic and cultural roles, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 19, 2025 as World Circus Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the New England Center for Circus Arts.