

No. R-95. House concurrent resolution designating April 6, 2023 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.76)

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease, and the most common form of dementia, and nationally, 6.7 million older Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, between now and 2025, the number of Vermonters diagnosed with Alzheimer's is expected to rise by over 30 percent to 17,000, and

Whereas, over 11 million Americans annually provide 18 billion hours of unpaid dementia care valued at \$340 billion, and unpaid dementia caregivers in Vermont face significant emotional and physical challenges, and

Whereas, in 2020, the Vermont Medicaid cost for Alzheimer's care was \$116 million, an amount projected to rise by 26.4 percent by 2025, and

Whereas, between 2000 and 2019, deaths in the United States from heart disease decreased by 7.3 percent while Alzheimer's deaths increased by 145 percent, and

Whereas, the national financial impact of Alzheimer's might reach \$1 trillion by 2050, and

Whereas, advocates for the Alzheimer's community will be visiting the State House on April 6 to inform legislators of these continuing concerns, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 6, 2023 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's Vermont Chapter.