

No. R-182. House concurrent resolution designating the second full week of May 2017 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.144)

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Briglin of Thetford, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Dakin of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Taylor of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, every eight minutes, one woman in the U.S. loses her battle with lung cancer, and

Whereas, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women and men in the U.S. and Vermont, and

Whereas, the number of women dying from lung cancer has nearly doubled over the past 35 years, and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2014 in Vermont, 397 persons (209 male and 188 female) died of lung cancer for a rate of 55.4 persons per 100,000 population, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatments and early detection for people with lung cancer that will ultimately save lives, and

Whereas, LUNG FORCE is a fast-growing initiative of the American Lung Association intended to unite the women and their loved ones in the fight against lung cancer and to eradicate this disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives: .

That the General Assembly designates the second full week of May 2017 as Women's Lung Health Week, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont office of the American Lung Association of the Northeast in Williston.