

No. R-242. House concurrent resolution designating March 28, 2024 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.183)

Offered by: Representative Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease, the most common form of dementia, and nationally affects 6.9 million Americans aged 65 and older, and

Whereas, the national cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's or other dementias is projected to be \$360 billion in 2024, and

Whereas, Vermont's per capita Medicare spending on people with dementia is \$23,329, and

Whereas, Vermont's Alzheimer's disease mortality rate is the third highest in the nation, and

Whereas, the older population is the State's fastest growing demographic, and approximately one in nine persons 65 years of age and older has Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, 19,000 Vermonters provide an estimated 28 million hours of unpaid Alzheimer's care valued at \$615 million, and

Whereas, caregiving for individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementias takes an enormous toll, and dementia caregivers suffer more stress, depression, and health problems than caregivers for other illnesses, and

Whereas, the total lifetime cost of care for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars, and family caregivers assume a large percentage of these costs, and

Whereas, advocates are visiting the State House today to raise awareness of the challenges associated with navigating Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 28, 2024 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 Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.