

No. R-338. House concurrent resolution designating March 2014 as Myeloma Awareness Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.243)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, multiple myeloma, also known as myeloma or plasma disease, is a progressive hematologic disease, and

Whereas, it is a cancer of the plasma cell, an important part of the immune system, and

Whereas, multiple myeloma is the second most common blood cancer, and

Whereas, despite its impacting many persons, the existence of multiple myeloma is not widely known among the general public, and

Whereas, most victims have never heard of multiple myeloma until its presence in their blood is diagnosed, and

Whereas, multiple myeloma is a treatable cancer and promising advances are bringing researchers closer to a cure, and

Whereas, in an effort to raise public awareness of this form of cancer, starting in 2009, the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) has declared March as Myeloma Awareness Month, and

Whereas, the IMF hopes that increased awareness will attract greater attention and research funding to this blood disease, and

Whereas, public knowledge of multiple myeloma may also prompt individuals with the symptoms associated with this disease to ask their doctors to consider it as a possible cause of their health problems, and

Whereas, it is important that Vermonters be aware of the prevalence of multiple myeloma, and not hesitate to inquire if there is a possibility they are affected, and

Whereas, representatives of the Multiple Myeloma Networking Group's Southwestern Vermont Region are visiting the State House today, February 28, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 2014 as Myeloma Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jan Martin Bopp at the Multiple Myeloma Networking Group's Southwestern Vermont Region.