

No. R-465. House concurrent resolution honoring Prevention Works! VT.

(H.C.R.349)

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Ancel of Calais, Browning of Arlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Hooper of Montpelier, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Myers of Essex, Rachelson of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, according to the Department of Health, prevention of substance abuse is achieved through interventions that occur before a person starts to abuse a harmful substance, and

Whereas, prevention is targeted both universally and at specific audiences with a higher risk of substance abuse, and

Whereas, Prevention Works! VT (PWVT) is a statewide coalition of community prevention coalitions, and

Whereas, the vision of PWVT is that Vermont become a state in which all communities are healthy, safe, and thriving, and

Whereas, the mission of PWVT “is to create and lead advocates to work collaboratively on policy practice and attitudes that promote prevention, health and wellness with one voice,” and

Whereas, PWVT’s statewide coordinated efforts include promoting prevention and wellness to policymakers and in local communities, building the local and statewide infrastructure for prevention advocacy, including a mobilization capacity, and establishing sustainable funding for these activities, and

Whereas, the strategies community coalitions use include working to change local and State substance policies, facilitating drug and alcohol curriculums for youths, partnering with local law enforcement and liquor control authorities to reduce underage drinking, working to reduce substance abuse among college students, and reducing underage drinking with sticker shock campaigns, and

Whereas, 20 community coalitions, with financial support from and in coordination with the Department of Health, are focusing on youths’ use of tobacco, and

Whereas, PWVT has shown that sustained efforts can save young lives, and

Whereas, members of community coalitions are in the State House today, April 30, 2014, to promote the importance of substance abuse prevention efforts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Prevention Works! VT, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to Prevention Works! Vermont.