

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 17, 2020, as "DIPG Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) affects 200
4 to 400 children in the United States each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Brain cancer is the leading disease-related cause of
6 death in children in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, DIPG is the second most common pediatric brain
8 cancer and the leading cause of childhood death due to brain
9 tumors; and

10 WHEREAS, Children diagnosed with DIPG have a median survival
11 time of only nine months postdiagnosis with treatment and a five
12 year survival rate of less than one percent; and

13 WHEREAS, Prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in
14 more than 40 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Funding for research for pediatric and high-
16 mortality-rate cancers needs to be given greater consideration
17 for research grants with government resources; and

1 WHEREAS, "DIPG Awareness Day" is recognized to:

2 (1) Raise awareness about the current challenges and
3 clinical trial opportunities relating to DIPG in the medical
4 research system.

5 (2) Encourage the allocation of sufficient research
6 resources into cures for rare pediatric cancers, including
7 DIPG.

8 (3) Encourage public and private sources of research
9 funding to elevate consideration of the mortality rate of a
10 type of cancer during grant application processes.

11 (4) Support expanded research to develop effective
12 treatments and provide comprehensive care for children with
13 DIPG and their families;

14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 17,
16 2020, as "DIPG Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.