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AUGUST 15, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 15, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2018 as "Childhood Cancer  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, encouraging young  
3 Pennsylvanians who are fighting cancer, honoring young people  
4 who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, expressing  
5 gratitude to the doctors and nurses who provide special care  
6 to patients and families affected by childhood cancer and  
7 encouraging all residents in this Commonwealth to join the  
8 fight against childhood cancer.

9 WHEREAS, Childhood cancers make up less than 1% of all  
10 cancers diagnosed each year and childhood cancer rates have been  
11 rising slightly for the past few decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the second leading cause of  
13 death in children under 15 years of age, exceeded only by  
14 accidents, and more than 1,100 children are expected to die from  
15 cancer in 2018; and

1       WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that more than  
2 10,000 children in the United States under 15 years of age will  
3 be diagnosed with cancer in 2018; and

4       WHEREAS, The potential years of life lost to childhood cancer  
5 and the potential years of life saved by treatment exceed all  
6 other cancers with the exception of breast cancer; and

7       WHEREAS, Most children cannot be treated at a local hospital,  
8 and families must face the disruption of relocating to receive  
9 treatment at a regional cancer center; and

10       WHEREAS, As a result of major treatment advances in recent  
11 decades, more than 80% of children with cancer now survive five  
12 years or more; and

13       WHEREAS, This is a huge increase since the mid-1970s, when  
14 the five-year survival rate was less than 60%; and

15       WHEREAS, Survival rates vary depending on the type of cancer  
16 and other factors; and

17       WHEREAS, There is still significant progress that must be  
18 made with regard to childhood cancer treatment because there are  
19 many types of childhood cancer and some types with lower  
20 survival rates are very difficult to treat; and

21       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in the fight against and  
22 treatment of childhood cancer with six Children's Oncology Group  
23 hospitals: St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Children's  
24 Hospital of Philadelphia, Geisinger Medical Center, Lehigh  
25 Valley Children's Hospital, Penn State Health Children's  
26 Hospital and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and

27       WHEREAS, Two of only twelve institutions in the Pediatric  
28 Brain Tumor Consortium are in Pennsylvania: Children's Hospital  
29 of Philadelphia and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and

30       WHEREAS, Penn State Health Children's Hospital in Hershey is

1 one of only ten institutions nationwide in the Pediatric  
2 Oncology Experimental Therapeutics Investigators' Consortium;  
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
5 month of September 2018 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in  
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage young  
8 Pennsylvanians who are fighting cancer, honor young people who  
9 have lost their lives to childhood cancer, express gratitude to  
10 the doctors and nurses who provide special care to patients and  
11 families affected by childhood cancer and encourage all  
12 residents in this Commonwealth to join the fight against  
13 childhood cancer.