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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 7, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2020 as "Childhood Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
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4 WHEREAS, Childhood cancers make up less than 1% of all
5 cancers diagnosed each year and childhood cancer rates have been
6 rising slightly for the past few decades; and
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8 WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the second leading cause of
9 death in children under 15 years of age, exceeded only by
10 accidents, and more than 1,100 children are expected to die from
11 cancer in 2020; and
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13 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that more than
14 11,000 children in the United States under 15 years of age will
be diagnosed with cancer in 2020; and

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

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

WHEREAS, As a result of major treatment advances in recent decades, 84% of children with cancer now survive five years or more; and

WHEREAS, This is a huge increase since the mid-1970s, when the five-year survival rate was approximately 58%; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Two of only 12 institutions in the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium are in Pennsylvania, including Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Penn State Health Children's Hospital in Hershey is 1 of only 10 institutions nationwide in the Pediatric Oncology Group.
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of September 2020 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage young Pennsylvanians who are fighting cancer, honor young people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, express gratitude to the doctors and nurses who provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer and encourage all residents in this Commonwealth to join the fight against childhood cancer.