A RESOLUTION

Recognizing February 15, 2020, as "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, "International Childhood Cancer Day" increases awareness of children fighting pediatric cancer across the globe; and

WHEREAS, "International Childhood Cancer Day" honors those children who lost their battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Cancer is one of the leading causes of death among children; and

WHEREAS, The rate of children diagnosed with cancer has increased since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer reported that the worldwide incidence of childhood cancer increased from 165,000 to 215,000 cases annually for children 14 years of age or younger; and

WHEREAS, The number of pediatric cancer cases is likely higher than what is currently reported due to the lack of registries in countries across the globe; and
WHEREAS, Projections indicate there are approximately 300,000 new cases of pediatric cancer diagnosed or left undiagnosed each year; and
WHEREAS, Children from impoverished countries lack access to medicines and treatment that could save their lives; and
WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate among children diagnosed with cancer is nearly 90% according to the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program; and
WHEREAS, The survival rate depends heavily on the type of cancer and other factors; and
WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate does not take into account complications many children face after reaching that milestone, including complications that lead to premature deaths; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 15, 2020, as "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.