

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of July 6 through 13, 2014, as "Brain  
2 Aneurysm Awareness Week" and July 12, 2014, as "Brain  
3 Aneurysm Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, An estimated 1 out of every 50 people in the United  
5 States has a brain aneurysm, with an aneurysm more likely to  
6 occur in women than in men by a three-to-two ratio; and

7 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are most likely to occur in people  
8 between 35 and 60 years of age and there are typically no  
9 warning signs; and

10 WHEREAS, Various risk factors can contribute to the formation  
11 of a brain aneurysm, including smoking, hypertension and a  
12 family history of brain aneurysms; and

13 WHEREAS, An unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double  
14 vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of  
15 balance, incoordination and speech problems; and

16 WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is often not discovered until it  
17 ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

18 WHEREAS, A subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage,

1 hydrocephalus, stroke and death; and

2 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 30,000 people in the United  
3 States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms and 40% of those  
4 persons die as a result of the condition; and

5 WHEREAS, Annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 people in the  
6 United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before ever  
7 reaching the hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, A number of advancements have been made in recent  
9 years regarding the detection of aneurysms, including the  
10 computerized tomography (CT) scan, the magnetic resonance  
11 imaging (MRI) test and the cerebral arteriogram and early  
12 detection can save lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Various research studies are currently being  
14 conducted in the United States in order to better understand,  
15 prevent and treat brain aneurysms; and

16 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysm survivors, their families and  
17 friends, along with families and friends who lost a loved one to  
18 a brain aneurysm, are working tirelessly across this  
19 Commonwealth to raise funding for those research studies; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh 5K Run/Walk for Brain Aneurysm  
21 Awareness has been established as a new resource for those  
22 efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, The inaugural event for the Pittsburgh 5K Run/Walk  
24 for Brain Aneurysm Awareness will be held at Pittsburgh's North  
25 Shore Great Lawn on Saturday, July 12, 2014; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize, commend and support the  
27 organizers, volunteers and participants and wish them great  
28 success; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of July 6  
30 through 13, 2014, as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Week" and July

1 12, 2014, as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.