
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2007 as "Brain Injury Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Brain injury refers to the death of brain cells and
4 disruption of neural pathways which result in changes in the way
5 a person thinks, feels and acts; and

6 WHEREAS, There are approximately 10 million Americans living
7 with brain injury, including stroke; and

8 WHEREAS, The cost of treating, rehabilitating and caring for
9 the victims of brain injury in the United States is
10 approximately \$30 billion each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Acquired brain injury is an injury to the brain
12 secondary to trauma, stroke, postsurgical complications and
13 certain acquired disease processes; and

14 WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is caused by a direct
15 blow to the head or being shaken violently; and

16 WHEREAS, TBI may be caused by falls, motor vehicle crashes,
17 bicycle accidents, sports and recreation injuries, shaken baby

1 syndrome, gunshot wounds and assaults; and

2 WHEREAS, The signs and symptoms of TBI can be subtle and may
3 not appear until days or weeks following the injury or may even
4 be missed; and

5 WHEREAS, Mild TBI is often underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed,
6 with symptoms not always immediately apparent; and

7 WHEREAS, TBI is the leading cause of disability and death
8 among children and adolescents; and

9 WHEREAS, Nationwide, 30,000 children are severely disabled
10 each year as a result of TBI; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has three of the leading research
12 centers for brain injury: Drexel University Brain Research
13 Center, Penn Center for Brain Injury and Repair and the
14 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Brain Research Center;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, Inc.,
17 believes that the best approach to the silent epidemic of brain
18 injury is prevention of brain injuries; and

19 WHEREAS, Brain injury prevention can be achieved through
20 community education and a public awareness campaign; therefore
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2007
23 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, Inc., 2400 Park
27 Drive, Harrisburg PA 17110.