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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the residents of this Commonwealth to support the
2 efforts, programs, services and organizations that work to
3 enhance research and awareness of undifferentiated
4 pleomorphic sarcoma, a type of soft tissue sarcoma.

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 50 different types of soft
6 tissue sarcomas; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarcoma is a type of cancer that develops from
8 certain tissues, like bone or muscle; and

9 WHEREAS, Soft tissue sarcomas can develop from soft tissues
10 like fat, muscle, nerves, fibrous tissues, blood vessels or deep
11 skin tissues; and

12 WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of soft tissue sarcomas include
13 swelling or a lump that has grown over a period of time,
14 abdominal pain, blood in stool or vomit and black, tarry stools;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, previously

1 known as malignant fibrous histiocytoma, is a type of soft
2 tissue sarcoma that is most common in older adults and is often
3 found in the arms or legs, but can also form inside at the back
4 of the abdomen; and

5 WHEREAS, Although undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma tends
6 to grow locally, it can spread to distant sites in the body; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society,
8 approximately 11,930 new soft tissue sarcomas were diagnosed in
9 the United States and approximately 4,870 Americans died from
10 soft tissue sarcomas in 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, While scientists do not know what causes most cases
12 of soft tissue sarcoma, they have identified risk factors that
13 make a person more likely to develop the disease, which include:
14 radiation; certain family cancer syndromes; a damaged lymph
15 system; and exposure to certain chemicals; and

16 WHEREAS, The main types of treatment for soft tissue sarcoma
17 are surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and targeted therapy;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in order to
20 educate and raise awareness of undifferentiated pleomorphic
21 sarcoma, a type of soft tissue sarcoma, urge the residents of
22 this Commonwealth to support the efforts, programs, services and
23 organizations that work to enhance research and awareness of
24 this disease.