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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 17, 2017, as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma  
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) is a high-  
4 grade glioma that originates in the brain stem; and

5 WHEREAS, Gliomas are malignant tumors that arise from glial  
6 cells in the brain and spine; and

7 WHEREAS, DIPG occurs almost exclusively in children,  
8 affecting approximately 200 to 400 children each year in the  
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The cause of DIPG is not currently known, and there  
11 are no known factors or conditions that make DIPG more or less  
12 likely to develop; and

13 WHEREAS, Survival rates are linked to how much of the tumor  
14 can be removed; and

15 WHEREAS, Since DIPG is located in the middle of the brain  
16 stem, surgical removal is rarely a treatment option; and

1       WHEREAS, Treatment primarily consists of radiation and  
2 chemotherapy; and

3       WHEREAS, With treatment, the median survival time is only  
4 nine months after diagnosis; and

5       WHEREAS, Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related  
6 death in children; and

7       WHEREAS, DIPG is the second most common malignant brain  
8 tumor of childhood; and

9       WHEREAS, DIPG is the leading cause of childhood death due  
10 to brain tumors; and

11       WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute at the  
12 National Institutes of Health, in 2014, approximately 15,780  
13 children and adolescents were diagnosed with cancer; and

14       WHEREAS, Nearly 2,000 children and adolescents under 19 years  
15 of age lose their lives to cancer every year; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 17,  
17 2017, as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day" in  
18 Pennsylvania.