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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 12, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 17, 2020, as "DIPG Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) affects 200  
4 to 400 children in the United States each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Brain cancer is the leading disease-related cause of  
6 death in children in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, DIPG is the second most common pediatric brain  
8 cancer and the leading cause of childhood death due to brain  
9 tumors; and

10 WHEREAS, Children diagnosed with DIPG have a median survival  
11 time of only nine months postdiagnosis with treatment and a five  
12 year survival rate of less than one percent; and

13 WHEREAS, Prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in  
14 more than 40 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Funding for research for pediatric and high-  
16 mortality-rate cancers needs to be given greater consideration

1 for research grants with government resources; and

2 WHEREAS, "DIPG Awareness Day" is recognized to:

3 (1) Raise awareness about the current challenges and  
4 clinical trial opportunities relating to DIPG in the medical  
5 research system.

6 (2) Encourage the allocation of sufficient research  
7 resources into cures for rare pediatric cancers, including  
8 DIPG.

9 (3) Encourage public and private sources of research  
10 funding to elevate consideration of the mortality rate of a  
11 type of cancer during grant application processes.

12 (4) Support expanded research to develop effective  
13 treatments and provide comprehensive care for children with  
14 DIPG and their families;

15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 17,  
17 2020, as "DIPG Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.