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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 6, 2023, as "World Cerebral Palsy Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is defined as a group of disorders  
4 that affect a person's ability to move and maintain balance and  
5 posture; and

6 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is caused by abnormal brain  
7 development or damage to a developing brain before birth; and

8 WHEREAS, Gene mutations, maternal infections, fetal stroke,  
9 bleeding into the brain, infant infections, traumatic head  
10 injury and lack of oxygen can lead to problems with brain  
11 development; and

12 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is the most common movement  
13 disability in children; and

14 WHEREAS, Roughly 1 in 345 people in the United States have  
15 cerebral palsy; and

16 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is found to be more common in males

1 than females, and more common among black children than white  
2 children; and

3 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is usually diagnosed during a child's  
4 first or second year of life; and

5 WHEREAS, The sooner a child is diagnosed with cerebral palsy  
6 and early interventions are put in place, the better their  
7 movement and cognitive outcomes are; and

8 WHEREAS, Symptoms of cerebral palsy can vary from person to  
9 person; and

10 WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of cerebral palsy include stiff  
11 muscles, lack of balance and coordination, tremors, difficulty  
12 walking and difficulty with fine motor skills; and

13 WHEREAS, There are four main types of cerebral palsy,  
14 including spastic cerebral palsy, dyskinetic cerebral palsy,  
15 ataxic cerebral palsy and mixed types of cerebral palsy; and

16 WHEREAS, Spastic cerebral palsy is the most common type and  
17 causes a person to have stiff muscles and awkward movements; and

18 WHEREAS, Dyskinetic cerebral palsy causes a person to have  
19 slow and uncontrollable jerking movements of the feet, arms,  
20 hands and legs; and

21 WHEREAS, Ataxic cerebral palsy causes a person to have  
22 difficulty with balance and depth perception; and

23 WHEREAS, Mixed cerebral palsy relates to a person having  
24 symptoms that do not fall under a specific category of cerebral  
25 palsy but are rather a mixture of the different types of  
26 cerebral palsy; and

27 WHEREAS, People with cerebral palsy can also have co-  
28 occurring conditions which are additional conditions or  
29 disorders along with cerebral palsy; and

30 WHEREAS, One in two people with cerebral palsy also have an

1 intellectual disability; and

2 WHEREAS, One in four people with cerebral palsy also have  
3 epilepsy; and

4 WHEREAS, As of 2023, there is no known cure for cerebral  
5 palsy, however, medications, treatments and surgery can help  
6 those with cerebral palsy improve their motor and communication  
7 skills; and

8 WHEREAS, The average lifetime costs of caring for an  
9 individual with cerebral palsy is \$1.6 million, in addition to  
10 normal living expenses; and

11 WHEREAS, The hope for a cure for cerebral palsy begins with  
12 attaining a better understanding of the disorder; and

13 WHEREAS, The current research being done regarding cerebral  
14 palsy is to explore ways of reducing symptoms and limiting brain  
15 damage; and

16 WHEREAS, With support and services, adults and children with  
17 cerebral palsy can live healthy and active lifestyles and be  
18 engaged members of the community; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
20 6, 2023, as "World Cerebral Palsy Day" in Pennsylvania.