
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 211 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, DIGIROLAMO, READSHAW, FREEMAN, KORTZ,
HENNESSEY, LONGIETTI, BIZZARRO, BURNS, HILL-EVANS, JAMES,
BERNSTINE, SONNEY, NEILSON, MURT, THOMAS, MILLARD, RAPP,
WARREN, OBERLANDER, SAYLOR, RYAN, BENNINGHOFF, HOHENSTEIN AND
GILLEN, APRIL 9, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 9, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 17, 2019, 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 2019, as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day" in
18 Pennsylvania.