
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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MAY 4, 2015

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Brain Tumor Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" is an opportunity for
4 us to come together as a community and spotlight the tributes
5 and triumphs of all those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis
6 and the need for greater understanding of the disease and safer,
7 more effective treatments; and

8 WHEREAS, There are more than 120 types of brain tumors; and

9 WHEREAS, Brain tumors do not discriminate against any gender,
10 age or ethnic background; and

11 WHEREAS, Primary brain tumors, those that begin in the brain
12 and tend to stay in the brain, occur in people of all ages but
13 are statistically more frequent in children and older adults;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Metastatic brain tumors, those that begin as cancer
16 elsewhere in the body and spread to the brain, are more common

1 in adults than children; and

2 WHEREAS, Symptoms associated with brain tumors and treatment
3 often include headaches, seizures, sensory or motor loss,
4 hearing loss, vision loss, fatigue, depression and behavioral
5 and cognitive changes; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 70,000 new cases of primary brain tumors will
7 be diagnosed this year; and

8 WHEREAS, Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related
9 deaths in children under 20 years of age, the second leading
10 cause of cancer-related deaths in males between 20 and 39 years
11 of age and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in
12 females between 20 and 39 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, Founded in 1973, the American Brain Tumor
14 Association was the first national nonprofit organization
15 dedicated solely to brain tumor research and has been providing
16 comprehensive resources that support the complex needs of brain
17 tumor patients and caregivers, as well as the critical funding
18 of research in the pursuit of breakthroughs in brain tumor
19 diagnosis, treatment and care; and

20 WHEREAS, "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" will help bring to
21 light the serious issue of brain tumors and urge individuals who
22 are experiencing any unusual symptoms to go to their doctors for
23 testing; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2015 as
25 "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.