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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2017 as "Brain Aneurysm  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is an abnormal or fusiform bulging  
4 of an artery in the brain; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 6,000,000 individuals in the United  
6 States, or 1 out of every 50, have a brain aneurysm; and

7 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are most likely to occur in  
8 individuals between 35 and 60 years of age and there are  
9 typically no warning signs; and

10 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are more likely to occur in women  
11 than in men by a three-to-two ratio; and

12 WHEREAS, Various risk factors can contribute to the formation  
13 of a brain aneurysm, including smoking, hypertension and a  
14 family history of brain aneurysms; and

15 WHEREAS, An unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double  
16 vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of

1 balance, weakness, incoordination and speech problems; and

2 WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is often discovered when it  
3 ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

4 WHEREAS, A subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage,  
5 hydrocephalus, stroke and death; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year more than 30,000 individuals in the United  
7 States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms and 40% of these  
8 individuals die as a result; and

9 WHEREAS, Annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 individuals in the  
10 United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching  
11 the hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, A number of advancements have been made in recent  
13 years regarding the detection of aneurysms, including the  
14 computerized tomography (CT) scan, the magnetic resonance  
15 imaging (MRI) test and the cerebral arteriogram; and

16 WHEREAS, Early detection of brain aneurysms can save lives;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Various research studies are currently being  
19 conducted in the United States in order to better understand,  
20 prevent and treat brain aneurysms; and

21 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysm survivors, their families and  
22 friends, along with families and friends who have lost a loved  
23 one to a brain aneurysm, are working tirelessly across this  
24 Commonwealth to raise funding for research studies; and

25 WHEREAS, The annual Pittsburgh Brain Aneurysm Run/Walk was  
26 established in 2013 as an additional resource for funding those  
27 efforts and is now in its 4th year; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
29 2017 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.