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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2018 as "Brain Aneurysm
2 Awareness Month" and September 22, 2018, as "Brain Aneurysm
3 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, An estimated 1 out of every 50 people in the United
5 States has a brain aneurysm; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, An estimated 6 million people in the United States
15 have a brain aneurysm; and

16 WHEREAS, An unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double
17 vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, loss of balance and

1 coordination, weakness 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, Early detection can save lives and a number of
13 advancements have been made in recent years regarding the
14 detection of aneurysms, including the computerized tomography
15 (CT) scan, the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) test and the
16 cerebral arteriogram; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The annual Pittsburgh Brain Aneurysm Awareness 5K
25 Walk/Run was established in 2013 as an additional resource for
26 those efforts; and

27 WHEREAS, The fifth annual Pittsburgh Brain Aneurysm Awareness
28 5K Walk/Run is being held at Pittsburgh's North Shore Riverfront
29 Great Lawn on Saturday, September 22, 2018; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September

1 2018 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month" and September 22, 2018,
2 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.