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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2014 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 1 out of every 50 people in the United  
6 States has a brain aneurysm; and

7 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are most likely to occur in people  
8 between 35 and 60 years of age and there are typically no  
9 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, Young and middle-aged African Americans have a  
13 higher risk of brain aneurysm ruptures; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Approximately 6 million people in the United States  
18 have a brain aneurysm; and

1       WHEREAS, An unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double  
2 vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of  
3 balance, weakness, incoordination and speech problems; and

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

6       WHEREAS, A subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage,  
7 hydrocephalus, stroke and death; and

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

11       WHEREAS, Annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 people in the  
12 United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching  
13 the hospital; and

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

18       WHEREAS, Early detection of brain aneurysms can save lives;  
19 and

20       WHEREAS, Various research studies are currently being  
21 conducted in the United States in order to better understand,  
22 prevent and treat brain aneurysms; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September  
24 2014 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.