

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1002

By: Provenzano of the House

and

Rader of the Senate

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9                                   AS INTRODUCED

10                   A Concurrent Resolution to raise awareness and  
11 encourage research for diffuse intrinsic pontine  
12 glioma and pediatric cancers; designating December 11  
13 as Addie's Day.

14                   WHEREAS, on December 11, 2012, Addalyn "Addie" Bourasaw was  
15 born; and

16                   WHEREAS, on February 25, 2021, Addie Bourasaw was diagnosed  
17 with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG); and

18                   WHEREAS, on April 3, 2022, Addie Bourasaw passed away from her  
19 diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) brain tumor; and

20                   WHEREAS, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) affects 200 to  
21 400 children in the United States each year with certain regularity;  
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23                   WHEREAS, brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related  
24 death in children; and

1       WHEREAS, DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor of  
2 childhood; and

3       WHEREAS, DIPG is the leading cause of childhood death due to  
4 brain tumors; and

5       WHEREAS, the median survival time is only nine (9) months  
6 postdiagnosis with treatment; and

7       WHEREAS, five-year survival is less than one percent (1%); and

8       WHEREAS, given the age at diagnosis and the average life  
9 expectancy, the number of life years lost annually because of DIPG  
10 is approximately twenty-four thousand (24,000) years of person life  
11 lost (calculated as the number of children diagnosed by average of  
12 male and female life expectancy from that median age,  $300 \times 80 =$   
13 24,000 years of person life lost annually); and

14       WHEREAS, prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in  
15 more than forty (40) years;

16       WHEREAS, federal funding for research for pediatric cancer  
17 should be increased to address the level of unmet medical need for  
18 this vulnerable population; and

19       WHEREAS, the Legislature designates the 11th day of December as  
20 "Addie's Day" to raise awareness and encourage research into cures  
21 for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and pediatric cancers in  
22 general.

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1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the designation of the  
5 birthday of Addie Bourasaw, the 11th day of December, as "Addie's  
6 Day"; encourages all people of the United States to become more  
7 informed about diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) pediatric  
8 brain cancer, and the current challenges to the medical research  
9 system in designating sufficient research funding for pediatric  
10 cancers; supports expanded research to better understand DIPG,  
11 develop effective treatments, and provide comprehensive care for  
12 children with DIPG and their families; and encourages public and  
13 private sources of research funding to elevate their consideration  
14 of the mortality rate of a type of cancer, as well as the life-years  
15 lost, as significant factors to be considered during the grant  
16 application process.

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