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SENATE RESOLUTION

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SAVAL, JUNE 30, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 30, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of June 2024 as "Migraine and Headache
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Migraines and headache disorders are a genetic,
4 neurovascular disease characterized by episodes called attacks;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, more
7 than 40 million people in the United States have migraine and
8 headache disorders, and in 2021, 40% of the population, or 3.1
9 billion people, were affected; and

10 WHEREAS, Headache disorders were globally found to be the
11 third leading cause of disability adjusted life years behind
12 stroke and dementia; and

13 WHEREAS, Attacks are often accompanied by one or more
14 symptoms, including visual disturbances, nausea, vomiting,
15 dizziness and tingling or numbness in the extremities or face,
16 and more than 90% of sufferers are unable to work or function
17 normally during their migraine; and

1 WHEREAS, These debilitating issues affect 16% of all veterans
2 receiving care in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA); and

3 WHEREAS, From October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2022, almost
4 1.9 million veterans were diagnosed and treated within the VHA
5 for migraines and headaches; and

6 WHEREAS, Between 2008 and 2022, there was a 122% increase in
7 the number of veterans using Veterans Affairs Medical Centers
8 for headache care; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated 350,000 service members have headaches
10 resulting from traumatic brain injuries sustained in combat; and

11 WHEREAS, The impact of migraines, headaches and cluster
12 attacks varies widely, showing distinct differences in how often
13 the attacks occur, the severity and the impact on daily life;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Migraine disease affects all body systems, causing
16 symptoms, including severe pain, nausea, heightened sensitivity
17 to light, sound, smell and touch, visual disturbances, tinnitus,
18 chills, fatigue, difficulty finding words, known as anomia
19 aphasia, impaired cognitive function, numbness and weakness,
20 lasting for 4 to 72 hours on average; and

21 WHEREAS, The historical stigma and misinformation surrounding
22 headache diseases have impeded research and treatment
23 advancements, thus adequate research funding and public
24 education are crucial to addressing the serious and
25 incapacitating effects of migraine disease; and

26 WHEREAS, Individuals with one or more headache diseases or
27 comorbid medical conditions deserve equitable, affordable access
28 to new and innovative treatments; and

29 WHEREAS, The Senate is an institution that can raise
30 awareness for migraine and headache disorders with the general

1 public and the medical community; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of June 2024 as

3 "Migraine and Headache Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.