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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 9, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2016 as "Brain Tumor Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" is an opportunity for
4 us to come together as a community and spotlight the tributes
5 and triumphs of all those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis
6 and the need for greater understanding of the disease and safer,
7 more effective treatments; and

8 WHEREAS, There are more than 120 types of brain tumors and
9 more than 688,000 Americans living with a brain tumor; and

10 WHEREAS, Brain tumors do not discriminate against any gender,
11 age or ethnic background; and

12 WHEREAS, More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have
13 lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive and psychological
14 impacts on patients' lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Primary brain tumors, those that begin in the brain
16 and tend to stay in the brain, occur in people of all ages but

1 are statistically more frequent in children and older adults;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Metastatic brain tumors, those that begin as cancer
4 elsewhere in the body and spread to the brain, are more common
5 in adults than children; and

6 WHEREAS, Symptoms associated with brain tumors and treatment
7 often include headaches, seizures, sensory or motor loss,
8 hearing loss, vision loss, fatigue, depression and behavioral
9 and cognitive changes; and

10 WHEREAS, An estimated 77,000 new cases of primary brain
11 tumors will be diagnosed this year; and

12 WHEREAS, Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related
13 deaths in children under 14 years of age, the second leading
14 cause of cancer-related deaths in males between 20 and 39 years
15 of age and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in
16 females between 20 and 39 years of age; and

17 WHEREAS, Founded in 1973, the American Brain Tumor
18 Association was the first national nonprofit organization
19 dedicated solely to brain tumor research and has been providing
20 comprehensive resources that support the complex needs of brain
21 tumor patients and caregivers, as well as the critical funding
22 of research in the pursuit of breakthroughs in brain tumor
23 diagnosis, treatment and care; and

24 WHEREAS, The purposes of "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" are to
25 bring to light the serious issue of brain tumors and to urge
26 individuals who are experiencing any unusual symptoms to go to
27 their doctors for checkups and testing; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2016 as
29 "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.