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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 25, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2017 as "Brain Tumor Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" is an opportunity for  
4 residents of this Commonwealth to come together as a community  
5 and spotlight the trials and triumphs of all those impacted by a  
6 brain tumor diagnosis and the need for greater understanding of  
7 the disease and safer, 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  
17 are statistically more frequent in children and older adults;

1 and

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Founded in 1973, the American Brain Tumor  
17 Association was the first national nonprofit organization  
18 dedicated solely to brain tumor research; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Brain Tumor Association has provided  
20 comprehensive resources that support the complex needs of brain  
21 tumor patients and caregivers as well as the critical funding of  
22 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 2017 as  
29 "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.