

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1456

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A RESOLUTION to honor the commemoration of National Glioblastoma Cancer Awareness Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the third Wednesday in July is annually observed as National Glioblastoma Cancer Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, glioblastoma is one of the most common and highly invasive malignant brain neoplasms, with an incidence of two to three new cases per 100,000 people per year worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, primary malignant brain tumors are rare and account for two percent of all adult cancers; and

WHEREAS, despite their rarity, brain cancer incidence has increased over the last thirty years while survival rates remain extremely poor; and

WHEREAS, due to glioblastoma's aggressiveness, the median survival time for a newly diagnosed patient is approximately one year, with less than five percent of patients surviving five years post diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, the rate of brain and nervous system cancers is 6.2 new cases per 100,000 per year, and the rate of death in brain and nervous system cancers is 4.8 per 100,000; and

WHEREAS, on National Glioblastoma Cancer Awareness Day in Tennessee, individuals living with glioblastoma, their families, advocates, and dedicated organizations throughout our State will join together to increase public awareness of glioblastoma, support research, honor all those we have lost, and embrace hope for improved screening methods, treatments, and a cure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the commemoration of National Glioblastoma Cancer Awareness Day in Tennessee on the third Wednesday in July.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.