

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 122.

A resolution to declare May 2013 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Each year, more than 66,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with primary malignant and non-malignant brain tumors; and

Whereas, Over 688,000 Americans are living with a primary brain tumor; and

Whereas, Brain tumors strike men, women, and children of any race, and at any age; and

Whereas, More so than any other cancer, brain tumors can have life-altering psychological, cognitive, behavioral, and physical effects; and

Whereas, The treatment of brain tumors is complicated by the fact that more than 120 different types of brain tumors exist; and

Whereas, Although a large number of promising treatments have been developed in recent years, the long-term survival rates have not improved greatly, and the cure rate for most brain tumors is significantly lower than that for many other types of cancer; and

Whereas, A need for greater public awareness of brain tumors exists, including awareness of the difficulties associated with research on brain tumors and the opportunities for advances in brain tumor research and treatment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 2013 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We express support for those individuals who are battling brain tumors, and we honor and recognize the family, friends, and loved ones whom we have lost to brain cancer.