

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.105

Reps. Cherry, Chirkun, Frederick, Gay-Dagnogo, Haadsma, Hope, Lasinski, Liberati, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby, Warren and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 17, 2019, as Diffuse Intrinsic
2 Pontine Glioma Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) affects
4 between 200 and 400 children in the U.S. each year. DIPG is the
5 second most common malignant brain tumor found in children. DIPG is
6 a tumor located in the middle of the brainstem where the cerebrum
7 connects to the spinal cord. It grows among and around healthy
8 nerves in the area, making surgical removal impossible at this
9 time. DIPG interferes with all bodily functions, depriving a child
10 of the ability to move, to communicate, and even to eat and drink;
11 and



1 Whereas, Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related
2 deaths in children. DIPG is the leading cause of childhood death
3 due to brain tumors. The median survival rate is only 9 months and
4 the five-year survival rate is less than 1%; and

5 Whereas, Given the age at diagnosis and the average life
6 expectancy, the number of life years lost annually because of DIPG
7 is approximately 25,000 life years; and

8 Whereas, Research is still seeking to fully understand the
9 disease. Prognosis has not improved for children with DIPG in over
10 35 years; and

11 Whereas, Research and awareness are both growing in recent
12 years thanks to the advocacy of groups like Team Buddy Boy, Team
13 Julian, and ChadTough, whose efforts have led to linking some parts
14 of DIPG to other forms of cancer possibly broadening treatment
15 options; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare May 17, 2019, as Diffuse Intrinsic
18 Pontine Glioma Day in the state of Michigan.