

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.105

Rep. Cherry 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

12 Whereas, Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related
13 deaths in children. DIPG is the leading cause of childhood death



1 due to brain tumors. The median survival rate is only 9 months and
2 the five-year survival rate is less than 1%; and

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

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

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

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