

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

Senators Nesbitt, Lauwers, Bayer, Bellino, Brinks, Cavanagh, Chang, Huizenga, Klinefelt, McCann, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Shink, Singh, Theis, Victory and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to recognize May 2023 as Neurofibromatosis  
2 Awareness Month.

3       Whereas, Although over two million people around the world are  
4 living with neurofibromatosis (NF) and one in every 3,000 births is  
5 diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public;  
6 and

7       Whereas, NF affects all populations equally, regardless of  
8 race, ethnicity, or gender; and

9       Whereas, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the  
10 body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular

1 system, bones, and skin. The disorder can also lead to blindness,  
2 deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities,  
3 disabling pain, and cancer; and

4       Whereas, The Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF) leads efforts  
5 to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research  
6 aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for  
7 NF; and

8       Whereas, CTF works to improve access to quality patient  
9 healthcare through its national NF Clinic Network and provides  
10 patient and family support through its information resources, youth  
11 programs, and local chapter activities; and

12       Whereas, Much remains to be done in raising public awareness  
13 of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and  
14 treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research;  
15 now, therefore, be it

16       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
17 body recognize May 2023 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.