

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

Reps. McFall, Wegela, Tsernoglou, Conlin, Glanville, Rheingans, Hood, Outman, Breen, Coffia, Arbit, Hoskins, Morse, Rogers, Johnsen, Paiz, Brabec, Liberati, Snyder, Morgan, Martus, Byrnes, Haadsma, Brixie, Mentzer, Miller, Dievendorf and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 14-20, 2023, as Brain Tumor
2 Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Brain tumors, specifically glioblastoma, have become
4 recognized in recent years as one of the deadliest cancers; and

5 Whereas, May has long been recognized across America as Brain
6 Tumor Awareness Month in an effort to raise public awareness about
7 the importance of symptoms and advanced treatment options. Brain
8 tumors continue to be one of the most difficult cancers to detect

1 in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to high
2 mortality rates; and

3 Whereas, There are an estimated 770 new diagnoses of brain
4 tumors in Michigan in 2023 and an estimated 620 Michigan residents
5 will die from a brain tumor in 2023. Brain tumors can be deadly and
6 can severely impact the quality of life of those fortunate enough
7 to survive this disease. Brain cancer continues to be the leading
8 cause of cancer deaths among children and young adults; and

9 Whereas, Brain tumors have the highest per-patient initial
10 cost of care for any cancer group with an annualized mean net cost
11 of care approaching \$150,000, and the highest annualized mean net
12 costs of last-year-of-life care, relative to other cancers at
13 \$135,000 to \$210,000 per patient; and

14 Whereas, More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have
15 lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive, and psychological
16 impacts on a patient's life; and

17 Whereas, The state of Michigan has attained national
18 recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain
19 tumor treatment and research as a result of the number of patients
20 traveling to Michigan for clinical trial participation, grant
21 dollars locally used to create jobs, and professionals specializing
22 in brain tumors across the state; and

23 Whereas, Michigan is proud to be home to high level brain
24 cancer centers such as the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry
25 Ford Hospital and Rogel Cancer Center at University of Michigan. We
26 encourage Michigan residents to continue to be vigilant and
27 proactive when it comes to their healthcare; and

28 Whereas, Despite the numbers of brain tumors diagnosed
29 annually and their devastating prognosis, there have only been four

1 FDA-approved drugs and one device to treat brain tumors in the past
2 thirty years; and

3 Whereas, To date, there have been no drugs developed and
4 approved specifically for malignant pediatric brain tumors. The
5 four FDA-approved drugs for brain tumors have provided only
6 incremental improvements to patient survival, and mortality rates
7 have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
10 this legislative body declare May 14-20, 2023, as Brain Tumor
11 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We support the goals of
12 Brain Tumor Awareness Month, encourage efforts to increase
13 awareness of and education about brain cancer among the general
14 public of Michigan and recognize the need for additional research
15 into diagnosis, screening, and treatments for brain tumors. We urge
16 all Michiganders to use this month as an opportunity to educate
17 themselves about brain cancer.