

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 264

Reps. McFall, Coffia, McKinney, Puri, Breen, Tsernoglou, Hoskins, Andrews, Dievendorf, Steckloff, Mentzer, Aragona, Arbit, Grant, Conlin, Glanville, Rheingans, Shannon, Miller, Byrnes, Hope, Scott, Brabec, Young, Wilson, Liberati and Snyder offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 2024 as Brain Tumor Awareness
2 Month 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, There are an estimated 770 new diagnoses of brain
6 tumors in Michigan in 2024 and an estimated 620 Michigan residents
7 will die from a brain tumor in 2024. Brain tumors can be deadly and
8 can severely impact the quality of life of those fortunate enough

1 to survive this disease. Brain cancer continues to be the leading
2 cause of cancer deaths among children and young adults; and

3 Whereas, Brain tumors have the highest per-patient initial
4 cost of care for any cancer group with an annualized mean net cost
5 of care in 2019 US dollars approaching \$162,550; and

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

9 Whereas, The state of Michigan has attained national
10 recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain
11 tumor treatment and research as a result of the number of patients
12 traveling to Michigan for clinical trial participation, grant
13 dollars locally used to create jobs, and professionals specializing
14 in brain tumors across the state; and

15 Whereas, Detroit is proud to be home to high level brain
16 cancer centers such as the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry
17 Ford Hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan and others. We
18 encourage Detroit residents to continue to be vigilant and
19 proactive when it comes to their healthcare; and

20 Whereas, Despite the numbers of brain tumors diagnosed
21 annually, and their devastating prognosis, there have only been
22 five FDA-approved drugs and one device to treat brain tumors in the
23 past thirty years, none of these have extended survival more than
24 two years on average or are considered curative; and

25 Whereas, To date, there have been no drugs developed and
26 approved specifically for malignant pediatric brain tumors.
27 Mortality rates for brain tumors have apparently remained
28 relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare May 2024 as Brain Tumor Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.