

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.55

Senators Hollier and Bayer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2021 as Brain Tumor Awareness
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Brain tumors, specifically glioblastomas, 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 2021, and an estimated 600 Michigan residents
7 will die from a brain tumor this year; and

8 Whereas, Brain tumors can be deadly and severely impact the
9 quality of life. Brain cancer also continues to be the leading
10 cause of cancer deaths among children and young adults; and

11 Whereas, The month of May is recognized across the United
12 States as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in an effort to raise public

1 consciousness about symptoms and advanced treatment options. Brain
2 tumors continue to be one of the most difficult cancers to detect
3 in the early stages of the disease, which contribute to its high
4 mortality rates; and

5 Whereas, Brain tumors have the highest per-patient initial
6 cost of care for any cancer group with an annualized cost at nearly
7 \$150,000. Brain cancer has the highest annualized cost for last
8 year-of-life care, relative to other cancers, around \$135,000-
9 \$210,000 (depending on age and gender) per patient; and

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

13 Whereas, Michigan has received national recognition as a
14 leading center of excellence for brain tumor treatment and research
15 due to the number of patients traveling to the state for clinical
16 trial participation, the local grant dollars used to create jobs in
17 the field, and the highly trained professionals specializing in
18 brain tumors across the state; and

19 Whereas, Michigan is proud to be home to high level brain
20 cancer centers such as the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry
21 Ford Hospital and the Rogel Cancer Center at University of
22 Michigan; and

23 Whereas, Despite the number of brain tumors diagnosed
24 annually, there are only four United States Food and Drug
25 Administration (FDA) approved drugs and one device to treat brain
26 tumors in the past thirty years; and

27 Whereas, To date, there are not any drugs that have been
28 developed and approved specifically for malignant pediatric brain
29 tumors. The FDA approved drugs for brain tumors only provide

1 incremental improvements to patient survival and mortality rates
2 are relatively unchanged; and

3 Whereas, We remain optimistic and encourage residents to be
4 vigilant and proactive when it comes to their brain health; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
7 body designate May 2021 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month; and be it
8 further

9 Resolved, That we recognize the need for additional research
10 into diagnosis, screening, and treatments for brain tumors. We urge
11 all Michiganders to use this month as an opportunity to raise
12 awareness and educate themselves about brain tumors and cancer.