

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.147

Senator Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate May 2022 as Brain Tumor Awareness
2 Month.

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
9 in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to its high
10 mortality rates; and

11 Whereas, There are an estimated 770 new diagnoses of brain
12 tumors in Michigan in 2022, and an estimated 600 Michigan residents

1 will die from a brain tumor this year; and

2 Whereas, Brain tumors can be deadly and can severely impact
3 the quality of life of those fortunate enough to survive it. Brain
4 tumors continue to be the leading cause of cancer deaths among
5 children and young adults; and

6 Whereas, Brain tumors have the highest per-patient initial
7 cost of care for any cancer group with an annualized cost, as of
8 2018, at nearly \$150,000; and

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

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

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

22 Whereas, Despite the number of brain tumors diagnosed
23 annually, and their devastating prognosis, there have only been
24 four United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved
25 drugs and one device to treat brain tumors in the past thirty
26 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 four FDA-approved drugs for brain tumors only provide

1 incremental improvements to patient survival, and unfortunately,
2 mortality rates remain relatively unchanged; and

3 Whereas, We take this time to encourage Michigan residents to
4 be 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 2022 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month. We
8 encourage efforts to increase awareness and education about brain
9 tumors among the general public; and be it further

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