
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MAY 17, 2021 AS DIPG AWARENESS DAY.

1 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that for the past three
2 years Governor Ige has declared May 17th as diffuse intrinsic
3 pontine glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to national statistics there are
6 approximately two hundred to three hundred new cases of DIPG
7 annually in the United States; and
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9 WHEREAS, DIPGs are highly aggressive and difficult to treat
10 brain tumors that occur at the base of the brain; and
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12 WHEREAS, these tumors are found in an area of the brainstem
13 that controls vital functions including breathing, blood
14 pressure, and heart rate; and
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16 WHEREAS, the location of the tumors does not generally
17 allow for their surgical removal; and
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19 WHEREAS, these tumors are generally treated with radiation
20 therapy but currently no successful chemotherapeutic agent has
21 been obtained; and
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23 WHEREAS, DIPG largely affects the pediatric population as
24 it is usually diagnosed during childhood between the ages of
25 five and nine years of age; and
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27 WHEREAS, DIPG tumors occur equally in boys and girls and
28 does not generally appear in adulthood; and
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30 WHEREAS, patients afflicted by DIPG do not generally
31 survive beyond a year after initial diagnosis; and
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33 WHEREAS, only one per cent of children diagnosed with DIPG
34 survive more than three years; and



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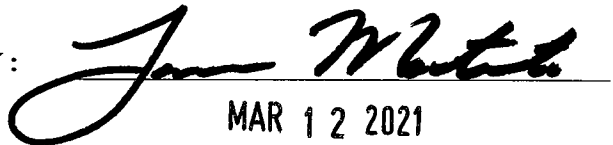
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2 WHEREAS, as such, DIPG occurs in the most vulnerable among
3 us; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2021, that May 17, 2021 be designated as "DIPG Awareness
8 Day"; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his designation will encourage
11 the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the
12 United States Department of Health and Human Services to
13 increase public awareness so each individual in the United
14 States becomes better informed and aware of DIPG; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
19 the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the
20 Director of Health, and the United States Department of Health
21 and Human Services.
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