
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MAY 17, 2021, AS DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA
AWARENESS DAY.

1 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that for the past three
2 years, Governor Ige has declared May 17 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 do
28 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 the initial diagnosis; and



1 WHEREAS, only one per cent of children diagnosed with DIPG
2 survive more than three years; and

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4 WHEREAS, as such, DIPG occurs in the most vulnerable among
5 us; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
9 of 2021, that May 17, 2021, be designated as "Diffuse Intrinsic
10 Pontine Glioma Awareness Day"; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
13 Department of Health, and United States Department of Health and
14 Human Services are encouraged to increase public awareness so
15 each individual in the United States becomes better informed and
16 aware of DIPG; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
20 Health and Human Services, Governor, Chairperson of the Board of
21 Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of Health.

