

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates May 17, 2017, as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 17, 2017, as Diffuse Intrinsic Potine Glioma Awareness Day in the state  
3 of Louisiana and to raise awareness of this devastating childhood cancer.

4 WHEREAS, Diffuse Intrinsic Potine Glioma (DIPG) is the second most common  
5 malignant brain tumor found in children and the leading cause of childhood death due to  
6 brain tumors; and

7 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading national  
8 public health institute of the United States, announced that brain tumors have become the  
9 leading cause of childhood cancer deaths, surpassing leukemia; and

10 WHEREAS, DIPG is an aggressive tumor that interferes with the neural activity of  
11 all essential bodily functions that include heartbeat, breathing, swallowing, eye movement,  
12 eyesight, and balance; and

13 WHEREAS, this brainstem tumor impacts nearly four hundred children in the United  
14 States each year and, from the time of diagnosis until death, the median survival time is nine  
15 months; and

16 WHEREAS, DIPG is an aggressive cancer and it has no cure; essentially, it has a  
17 zero percent survival rate; the only recognized palliative treatment is radiation and there are  
18 some rare neuro-oncology clinical trials that implement intravenous therapy; and

1           WHEREAS, presently only four percent of the National Cancer Institute budget is  
2           appropriated to pediatric cancer study and only a small portion of that amount is dedicated  
3           to pediatric brain cancer research; and

4           WHEREAS, the Michael Mosier Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated  
5           to fundraising efforts, it advocates the continued search for a cure and increased awareness  
6           of this debilitating form of childhood cancer, and it provides information and solace to  
7           parents burdened with this severe prognosis; and

8           WHEREAS, May is National Brain Tumor Awareness Month and the proclamation  
9           of May 17, 2017, as Diffuse Intrinsic Potine Glioma Awareness Day will bring attention to  
10          this deadly form of pediatric cancer.

11          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12          designate May 17, 2017, as Diffuse Intrinsic Potine Glioma Awareness Day in the state of  
13          Louisiana.

14          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby wish  
15          to raise awareness of Diffuse Intrinsic Potine Glioma (DIPG), a devastating form of  
16          childhood cancer.

17          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
18          Trey Gibson.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan Montague.

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DIGEST

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Designates May 17, 2017, as Diffuse Intrinsic Potine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day in LA.