

~Overwhelming Support for the National DIPG Awareness Resolution in the USA~

By 2020, 34 states have upheld May 17th as DIPG Awareness Day

The states of Alabama, Arizona, California*, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho**, Indiana, Illinois**, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana**, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio**, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas**, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin issued Proclamations establishing DIPG Awareness Day as May 17, by 2020. More states still have requests under consideration. California was the first state to have a DIPG Awareness Resolution in 2014.

* Established through the legislature. **Permanently established



In the House of Representatives:

The DIPG Awareness Resolution was first introduced to the 114th Congress in January of 2016 as H. Res. 586, again in the 115th Congress in January of 2017 as H. Res. 69, and in the 116th Congress as H. Res. 114, which finished out the session with 215 cosponsors. **Rep. Debbie Dingell** (D-MI-6) lead with **Rep. David Joyce** (R-OH-14) and 20 more original cosponsors to introduce the DIPG Awareness Resolution in the 117th Congress, H. Res. 404 which gained 220 cosponsors...It was introduced to the 118th Congress May 17, 2023. Although it has never been given consideration for a floor vote, childhood cancer advocates maintain the urgency and importance of recognizing childhood brain cancer as the #1 killer by disease of children in the United States, and DIPG, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma—the 2nd most commonly-diagnosed and the leading cause of childhood brain cancer deaths. Outcomes have not changed significantly for this disease in 60 years, nor has the standard of care. DIPG represents and exemplifies a world of suffering largely unseen and unheard by the general population, and on its own represents a significant portion of the annual childhood cancer death toll.

In successive years 2019-2024, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed the DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Resolution, to recognize May 17 as National DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day and the importance of awareness for childhood brain cancer in the USA.

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and **Senator Jack Reed** (D-RI) have led with this Resolution in the Senate amid our attempt to raise greater awareness in the House of Representatives, encouraging much of the progress made to date in the House for childhood brain cancer awareness. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MI), and Senator Michael Braun (R-IN), Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS), Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) and Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) have cosponsored this resolution, which has received 6 passages of Unanimous Consent from the United States Senate.

CONFERRING EXPERTS OF THE NATIONAL DIPG AWARENESS RESOLUTION

Dr. Michelle Monje of Stanford University and **Dr. Adam Green** of the University of Colorado, Denver confirmed the facts and statistics in the text of the resolution. Both scientists have laboratories dedicated to research in pediatric neuro-oncology with an emphasis on DIPG, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma. **OVER 1300 CHILDHOOD CANCER ADVOCATES and ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ENDORSED THE DIPG AWARENESS RESOLUTION.**

SUPPORTIVE RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND FOUNDATIONS



Alliance for Childhood Cancer Organizations support the DIPG Awareness Resolution: Children's Oncology Group, Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research, Children's Brain Tumor Foundation, Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy, The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses, National Brain Tumor Society, American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, American Childhood Cancer Organization, CureSearch for Children's Cancer, St. Baldrick's Foundation, Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers, American Cancer Society/Cancer Action Network

Philanthropic and Scientific Organizations and Institutions: Smashing Walnuts Foundation, The Kortney Rose Foundation, Oncology Nursing Society, Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation, Aiden's Avengers, ChadTough Foundation, Coalition Against Childhood Cancer, Lily LaRue Foundation, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, The Cure Starts Now Foundation, Jack's Angels Foundation, McKenna Claire Foundation, TogiNet Radio, Childhood Cancer Talk Radio, 4AydenStrong Foundation, Cannonballs for Kayne Foundation, The Children's Brain Tumor Project, Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute, Children's Brain Tumor Network, MUSELLA Foundation for Brain Tumor Research, the Carson Leslie Foundation and #CureMEDullo Project