

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, Barnett, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 561

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 17, 2018, AS
2 "DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA (DIPG) AWARENESS DAY IN
3 MISSISSIPPI."

4 WHEREAS, DIPG stands for Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

5 It is a type of high-grade glioma, a brain tumor that comes from
6 cells called glia that surround, protect and otherwise support the
7 nerve cells in the brain. DIPG is always found in the brainstem.
8 This part of the brain controls many basic functions like
9 breathing and swallowing, as well as muscles that help with speech
10 and eye movements. It is most common in elementary school-aged
11 children, but it can affect children of any age; and

12 WHEREAS, between 250 and 400 children in the United States
13 are diagnosed with DIPG each year. DIPG tends to grow quickly, so
14 most patients are diagnosed within three months of when their
15 symptoms start; and

16 WHEREAS, the most common symptoms are: trouble with eye or
17 face movements (often resulting in a lazy eye or facial droop),



18 difficulty with movement on one side of the body, and/or problems
19 speaking; and

20 WHEREAS, DIPG is diagnosed primarily with an MRI. DIPG can
21 sometimes be diagnosed with an MRI alone. Other times, a
22 neurosurgeon will biopsy the tumor by removing a piece of it to
23 study under a microscope; and

24 WHEREAS, during the month of May, there is a national focus
25 on childhood cancer and childhood brain tumors through the work of
26 families and other foundations. Mississippi is most pleased to
27 help increase public awareness of this deadly childhood cancer and
28 commends the DIPG Foundation for its efforts to promote additional
29 funding for research and education programs to help save lives of
30 children diagnosed with DIPG:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
33 we do hereby designate May 17, 2018, as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine
34 Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day in Mississippi" and encourage
35 observance by all citizens.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be disseminated
37 by the University Medical Center, the Blair Batson Children's
38 Hospital, and the Mississippi State Department of Health, and made
39 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

