

Introduced by Legislators McCaffrey, Muratore, Spencer and Gregory

**RESOLUTION NO. 439 -2019, DESIGNATING MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AS  
“DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY”  
IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (“DIPG”) is a highly aggressive and difficult to treat brain tumor that is found in a part of the brain stem that controls essential bodily functions, such as heartbeat, breathing, swallowing, eye movements, eyesight and balance; and

**WHEREAS**, DIPG remains one of the deadliest forms of childhood cancer tumor, impacting 200-400 children in the United States each year with a long-term survival rate of less than 1%; and

**WHEREAS**, the standard treatment for DIPG is 6 weeks of radiation therapy which often dramatically improves symptoms, however, symptoms usually recur after 6 to 9 months and progress rapidly; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike many brain tumors, a DIPG tumor cannot be removed surgically; attempting a surgical removal of a brain stem tumor would likely cause severe neurological damage and could even be fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, eventually the tumor begins to compromise the body’s ability to breath and regulate heartbeat, unfortunately the average lifespan after diagnosis with DIPG of about nine (9) months; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County wishes to designate May 17th as “Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day” to shine a critical spotlight on one of the deadliest forms of childhood cancer; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that beginning in 2019 and continuing every year thereafter May 17th is hereby designated as “Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day” in Suffolk County to raise public awareness of this devastating illness; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: May 14, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen  
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 17, 2019