

P.L. 2009, Joint Resolution No. 3, *approved April 15, 2009*
Assembly Joint Resolution No. 92

- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating May of each year as “Brain
2 Tumor Awareness Month.”
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Approximately 17,000 malignant tumors of the brain or
5 spinal cord are diagnosed each year in the United States; and
6 **WHEREAS**, About 20% of those people will be diagnosed with a
7 primary brain tumor, while the majority will be found to have
8 metastatic brain tumors; and
9 **WHEREAS**, Primary tumors are tumors that begin in the brain and tend
10 to stay in the brain; and metastatic brain tumors begin as a cancer
11 elsewhere in the body and spread, or metastasize, to the brain; and
12 **WHEREAS**, The most common kinds of cancer that metastasize to the
13 brain are lung and breast cancer; and
14 **WHEREAS**, The precise cause of different kinds of brain tumors is
15 unknown, but certain factors may increase the likelihood of
16 developing a brain tumor; and
17 **WHEREAS**, Brain tumors can occur at any age, but studies show that
18 they are most common among children from three to 12 years of
19 age, and adults from 40 to 70 years of age; and
20 **WHEREAS**, Studies indicate that some types of brain tumors are more
21 frequent among workers in certain industries, such as oil refining
22 and rubber manufacturing; and some studies have found that
23 chemists and embalmers have a higher incidence of brain tumors;
24 and
25 **WHEREAS**, Scientists do not believe that head injuries cause brain
26 tumors to develop; and
27 **WHEREAS**, Improvements in childhood cancer survival rates have
28 been made as a result of clinical trials, with more than one half of
29 children diagnosed with brain tumors surviving five years from
30 diagnosis; and, in some subgroups of patients, an even higher rate
31 of survival and cure is possible; and
32 **WHEREAS**, Despite the efforts of some of the world’s finest
33 researchers to develop better therapies, individuals who are
34 diagnosed with brain tumors still do not have adequate treatment
35 choices; and, in fact, the outlook for brain tumor patients has not
36 improved significantly in the last 20 years; and
37 **WHEREAS**, Because various organizations nationwide join together to
38 promote public awareness about brain tumors during the first full
39 week in May, which is designated as national “Brain Tumor Action
40 Week,” it is appropriate for this State to designate the month of

1 May as “Brain Tumor Awareness Month” in New Jersey in order to
2 coincide with the national observance; now, therefore,

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The month of May of each year is designated as “Brain
8 Tumor Awareness Month” in New Jersey in order to promote public
9 awareness about brain tumors.

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11 2. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling
12 upon public officials and the citizens of the State to observe the
13 month with appropriate activities and programs.

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15 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This joint resolution designates May of each year as “Brain
21 Tumor Awareness Month” in New Jersey in order to promote public
22 awareness about brain tumors, and directs the Governor to annually
23 issue a proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of
24 the State to observe the month with appropriate activities and
25 programs.

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