

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, brain tumors are masses of abnormal cells growing in the brain that can be either primary, which start and tend to stay in the brain; or metastatic, which begin as cancer somewhere else in the body and spread to the brain; and

WHEREAS, brain tumors can be diagnosed as "benign" or "malignant," however, there are many factors involved that can make it difficult to classify them as one or the other; and

WHEREAS, no risk factor attributing to the majority of brain tumors has been identified, although many environmental and genetic factors have been, and are, being studied; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 85,000 new cases of primary malignant and non-malignant brain and central nervous system (CNS) tumors will be diagnosed in the United States in 2021,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 700,000 people in the United States are living with a primary brain or CNS tumor in 2021, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 18,600 Americans will die with brain and CNS tumors in 2021, and in New Jersey in 2018, 454 women and men died from malignant brain and other nervous system tumors; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the courageous battle fought by those who are currently undergoing treatment for brain tumors, as well as the dedicated medical professionals who are working hard to save the lives of their patients;

WHEREAS, the Kortney Rose Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds to support research and education related to the treatment and cure of pediatric brain tumors, works to improve the outlook for children with brain tumors and promote brain tumor awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2021 AS BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twelfth day of April in the year two thousand twentyone, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.

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