

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

Designating September, in 2021 and in each succeeding year, as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 26, 2021

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2021

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in every 50 people in the United States has an unruptured brain aneurysm, which can lead to double vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of balance, lack of coordination, and speech problems; and

WHEREAS, a brain aneurysm is often discovered when it ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage, which can result in brain damage, hydrocephalus, stroke, and death; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 30,000 people in the United States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms, many of which are fatal; and

WHEREAS, between 3,000 and 4,500 people in the United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching the hospital and survivors are often faced with life-changing disabilities; and

WHEREAS, proper screening and early diagnosis play a significant role in the treatment and survivability of brain aneurysms, and it is critical to support efforts to better understand, prevent, and treat brain aneurysms; and

WHEREAS, established in 1994, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation raises awareness of the signs, symptoms, and risk factors of brain aneurysms, provides education and support to patients and their families, and advocates for research and programs to improve patient outcomes and save lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate September, in 2021 and in each succeeding year, as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this month on the General Assembly's website.

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