

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 260618)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the urgent need for Pennsylvania to advance pediatric brain cancer awareness and support increased research funding for children and families affected by pediatric brain cancer and tumors.

WHEREAS, Pediatric brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in children according to the National Institute of Health, with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) among the most aggressive and incurable forms, leaving families with limited treatment options and devastating outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 5,000 children are diagnosed with brain tumors each year according to the American Cancer Society. The National Cancer Institute notes 500 children each year are diagnosed with DIPG; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness, coordinated advocacy, and dedicated research funding are critical to accelerating the development of effective treatments and improving survival rates for children diagnosed with pediatric brain tumors. Roughly 4% of the federal budget go towards researching pediatric cancers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is home to world-renowned institutions, including the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), which are at the forefront of pediatric cancer research, treatment, and care; and

WHEREAS, Efforts are underway across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to establish dedicated funding for pediatric brain tumor research, including a proposal known as "Elora's Law," aimed at accelerating innovation, supporting translational research, and improving access to life-saving treatments; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has an opportunity to stand alongside these efforts by supporting policies and initiatives that elevate awareness and advocate for meaningful investment in pediatric brain cancer research; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes the need to increase research and development of treatment into pediatric brain cancer, advocating for Harrisburg to increase state funding for pediatric brain cancer research.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution will be presented to the Elora J. Khan Foundation as a sincere expression of the City Council of Philadelphia's gratitude and admiration.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourth day of June, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Thomas

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